

 MEDICAL INFORMATION 

DECLAW PAIN

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

THIS CAT CAME TO HSHC WITH HIS/HER FRONT PAWS DECLAWED. HSHC STRONGLY DISCOURAGES DECLAWING CATS FOR ANY REASON.

Studies have been shown that removing the claw and tip of a cat's toe as part of the process can cause serious long term pain and dysfunction.

THIS CATS CONDITION WAS EVALUATED

This evaluation showed that declaw surgery may of resulted in deformities that are causing chronic pain in this cat.



MANY OF THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF DECLAWING ARE THOUGHT TO BE FROM PERMANENT NERVE DAMAGE.

Some of the pain can be due to fragments of bone left in the paw from the initial surgery.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP THIS CAT?

Most cats with this type of paw pain will be on long-term pain relievers that are relatively inexpensive and readily available from your personal veterinarian.

THESE CATS WILL ALSO NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO HELP MANAGE CHRONIC PAIN

This could be using soft litter, a low entrance litterbox, training pads, pet steps, and possibly additional pain management techniques such as acupuncture, cold laser therapy, or physical therapy. Regardless of what the future brings, this cat's comfort and happiness will be the responsibility of his/her new family

