



Cats Need Their Claws!

Why Cats Have Claws....

- Claws help provide balance and agility when a cat jumps and walks.
- Claws help cats grip and enjoy stretches that tone their backs and shoulders.
- Without claws, a cat can feel defenseless and can be more prone to biting.
- Cats scratch to release happiness or frustration ... which is why your cat may joyfully scratch the scratching post when you come home.
- Declawing is a painful procedure that removes parts of a cat's toes, cutting bones and nerves.
- Declawing frequently causes an aversion to kitty litter, which can lead to inappropriate soiling.
- The ASPCA, Humane Society of the United States, and Animal Protectors of Allegheny Valley discourage declawing, and it is illegal in many countries where it is considered inhumane.

...And How to Live With Them.

- Give your cat a pleasurable and approved surface to scratch.
- Cardboard, carpet, rope or fabric scratchers are available. You can find a scratching surface that your cat will like more than your sofa!
- Trimming a cat's claws every few weeks can curb damage from scratching. Make trimming a pleasurable activity for your cat by using treats as a reward.
- Try adhesive nail caps to cover the nail and prevent damage from scratching. There are several brands on the market that can be found at your favorite pet supply retailer.
- We can help! Call our office at 724-339-7388 or mail@animalprotectors.net if you need additional information, or to make an appointment for a nail trim or nail cap application!

