

Deterrents

Deterrents you can use to keep your cat from scratching furniture includes double-sided tape applied to surfaces where he scratches inappropriately, and a natural deterrent spray applied to the furniture may help discourage scratching.

Calming Aids

Utilizing cat pheromones such as Feliway or Thunderease can help create a relaxing environment by providing cats with a calming scent that is odorless to humans.



Provide Daily Enrichment!

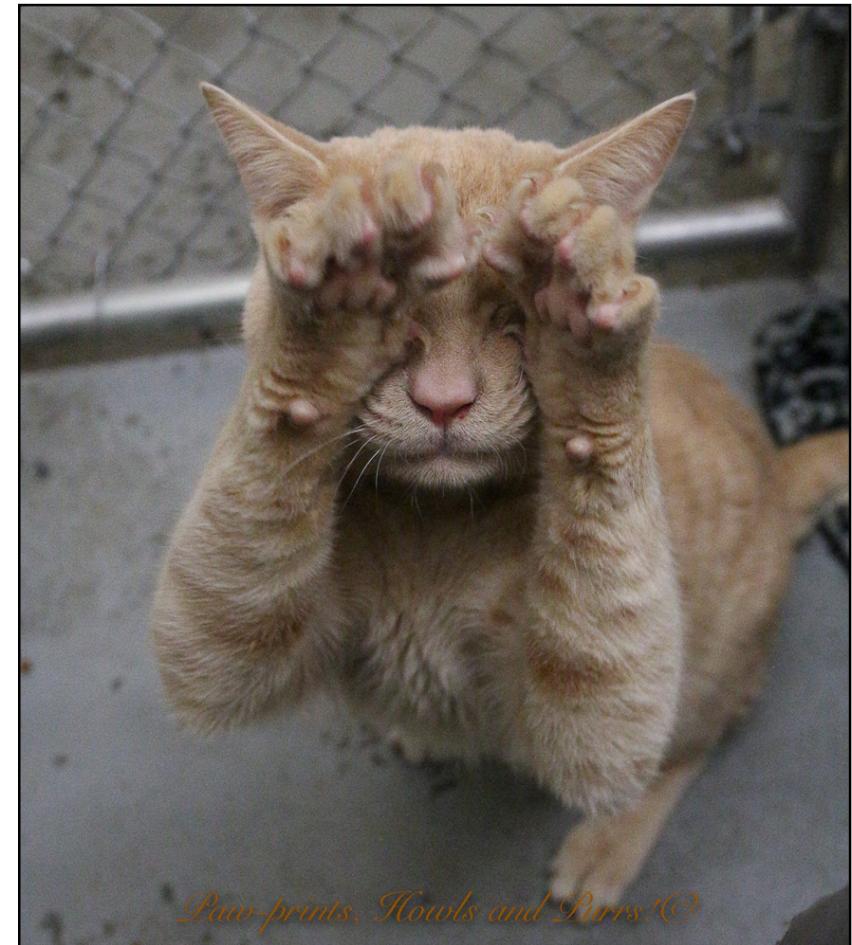
Two 15-minute sessions per day of playing, petting or grooming your cat are recommended.



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Paws need Claws!



Cat Scratchers and Trees

Choose the type of scratching post your cat will use. There are a variety of types, sizes and textures available (sisal, carpet, cardboard, emory board, plain wood). Be sure to place the scratcher in a location your cat will use, and in the direction your cat prefers. That could be vertical, horizontal or slanted. To encourage your cat to use the scratcher, try putting catnip on the post to attract them. You can also use play therapy so they touch their paws independently to the scratching post or tree. You can also attach one of their favorite toys to the scratcher to encourage them to play with it.



Nail Caps



Nail caps are easy to apply at home. You can also enlist a capable cat groomer to apply them, or get assistance from your veterinarian. They are appropriate to use with cats of all ages. Nail caps do not interfere with the normal extension and retraction of your cat's claws. They grow with your cat's claws and usually last from 4-6 weeks.

Consistent Nail Trims

Practice makes perfect! Get your cat used to regular nail trims by being consistent. If your cat does not enjoy having his paws touched, you can start small by gently touching his paws and then giving him a reward, such as a high quality treat or tiny bit of canned food. Continue working with his paws until he is comfortable with them being handled, and then trim one nail at a time with a reward after each one.



Let me keep my claws!

declawing is amputation!



Declawing involves the **AMPUTATION** of the last bone of each toe. If performed on a human, it would be like cutting off each finger at the last knuckle. **DECLAWING** can cause many more problems than it fixes. Cats walk on their toes. When their toes are **amputated**, they relieve pressure on their remaining toes when they walk, resulting in spine/back pain.

Did you know? Declawing can cause **fearfulness**. Declawing can cause **litterbox avoidance**. Declawing can affect **temperament**. Declawing can cause **depression**. Declawing can cause **arthritis**. A cat without claws is more likely to defend herself by biting. **PAWS NEED CLAWS!**

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