

Your Cat's Declaw

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Thank you for choosing us for your cat's declaw.

It's natural that you are going to have questions before your pet's surgery. Here are answers to the most common questions:

- **Declaw is a surgical procedure where the claw and the piece of bone it is attached to are removed from the foot.**
- Each little incision is closed using surgical glue, so you won't even be able to see the spot where the nail was
- **We use a special numbing block before surgery to help reduce pain so your pet will go right back to walking on the feet**
- We also use a cold laser therapy after surgery to help reduce any swelling and pain and to promote healing.
- **We put a special padded wrap on after surgery to keep the feet protected and we take this off the next day before they go home.**
- Because we want to take care of the bandages and give pain meds, your kitty will spend one night in the hospital after surgery
- **When your cat goes home, they should stay quiet for 7-10 days . But, you don't need to stay home with them.**
- Your cat can go right back to the regular kitty litter at home.
- **We do declaws Monday through Thursdays.* We ask that you take away their food by 8 pm the night before surgery, but they can have water.**
- We can combine this surgery with other procedures that your pet might need like fixing hernias, spays, neuters, or lump removals
- **We will declaw rear paws, but we don't do it on the same visit as the front paws. We want them to be up and comfortable between procedures.**

If you have any specific questions or concerns for your pet, please ask us!

*We can also set up special drop off or pickup days to accommodate your work schedule.

Preparing for your Pet's Surgery

Thank you for choosing Dells Veterinary Services, for your pet's surgery. We want you to have the peace of mind that comes from knowing we are doing whatever it takes to make this the best possible experience for you and your pet.

Starting with our state of the art surgery suite which includes:

- Certified Veterinary Technicians
- Heated surgery table
- Monitors that keep track of blood pressure, heart rhythm and oxygen levels
- Gas anesthesia

Our surgeons use sterile gowns, instruments and masks to protect your pet from infection (your pet won't need antibiotics after routine surgeries.)



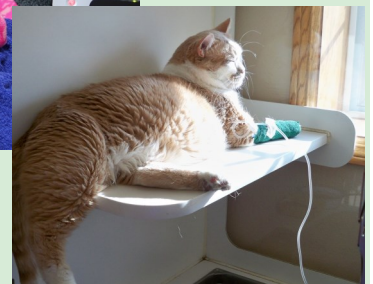
To advanced pain management:

Pain can slow the healing process. We use a holistic approach to minimize pain, including

- nerve blocks (like your dentist uses)
- Pain medication before and during surgery
- Cold laser therapy after surgery. This special radiofrequency of light helps reduce swelling and promotes healing after surgery.
- Pain medication after surgery. Your pet will go home with a short course of pain meds to keep them comfortable at home.

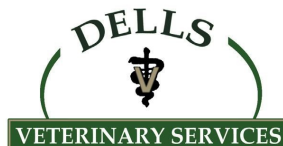
And don't forget about the extra touches. Being away from home can be stressful for your pet; we know that. Let us take care of your pet in recovery with:

- A recovery cove with a warmed bed and blankets
- A complimentary nail trim and ear cleaning while they are waking up
- After they are up and moving around, we give them a tasty treat back in their comfy condos.



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If you have special request for your pets stay, please let us know! We would be happy to try to accommodate you. We also have in house equipment to test your pet's blood values if you want extra peace of mind before surgery.