

VCA Canada

May 16, 2018.

"The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association has deemed the practice of elective declawing inhumane, and we wholeheartedly agree. I am proud to announce that going forward, elective declaws will no longer be performed in any VCA Canada Hospital." - Dr. Danny Joffe, National Medical Director of General Practice of VCA Canada.

2018



"At all VCA Animal Hospitals, we will no longer perform elective declawing effective today, February 21, 2020.

At the core of this policy is our firm belief that every pet owner has the responsibility of providing a safe and supportive home for their animal that enables appropriate expression of natural behaviors and fully integrates them into the home and family. Every medical procedure supported by our veterinary practices has been put in place with the health and wellbeing of pets in mind and, based on this, we do not support the elective declawing of any animal in our veterinary practices."

Email from VCA to all their vet practices.

2020

Banfield.com

Every medical procedure supported by our practice has been put in place with the health and wellness of pets in mind and, based on this we do not support the elective declawing (removal of normal digits) of any animal.

Current evidence does not support the use of elective declawing surgery as an alternative to relinquishment, abandonment, or euthanasia.

Banfield statement when they banned declawing in Jan. 2020.

2020

American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP)

"As we continue to amplify our mission to support high standards of practice, continuing education, and evidence based medicine, we are proud to announce the end of elective declawing procedures in our Cat Friendly Practices®.

Guided by evidence-based information and the pursuit of leading the feline veterinary community, it is the AAFP's mission to improve the health and welfare of cats. We need to set the standard.

This decision reflects our commitment to cats and we are grateful to be able to take this step towards improving feline welfare. Now is the time.

Let's end this unnecessary elective procedure, educate the public about the negative effects of declawing, defend the welfare of domestic cats, and stand proud as veterinary professionals."

Email from AAFP to all their members & Cat Friendly Practices in Dec. 2020.

2020

MissionVetPartners.com

"While we have never mandated any medical protocols, we believe that in this instance it is shortsighted and we feel compelled to take a stance in order to ensure that we abide by one of our core values: to do the right thing.

Your comments and the research on your website have prompted us to escalate this to our medical advisory board.

On Wednesday, we met to discuss MVP taking an active position on declawing. On Thursday, we again reviewed the current positions of leading associations to develop our own recommendation and position.

We agree with the American Association of Feline Practitioners and believe that onychectomy, as an elective procedure, should not be permitted.

I wanted to let you know that by unanimous consent of our medical advisory board we have adopted the AAFP position on prohibiting elective declaws in all MVP clinics."

March 2021 emails from Dr. John Talmadge, Chief Veterinary Officer at MVP, to the Exec. Director of City the Kitty nonprofit.

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FearFreePets.com

"In times where the emotional wellbeing of pets has become ever more important, Fear Free has made the decision to align with key industry leaders and organizations and phase out the practice of feline declawing in Fear Free Certified Practices. Given the negative impact this procedure has on our feline companions many of which are linked to a decline in emotional wellbeing, it is only appropriate that Fear Free and its certified practices commit to eliminating feline declawing as an elective procedure. We're giving cats a voice."

Email from Fear Free Pets to all their practices in May 2021

2021

PetSmart Veterinary Services

"PetSmart Veterinary Services is in alignment with the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) 2017 Declawing Position. We look to the AAFP as the medical experts in the health and happiness of our feline family members."

Dr. Jennifer Bruns, DVM, MPVM, PetSmart Veterinary Services Vice President of Business Development and Quality

Email to the Pres. of City the Kitty nonprofit on Aug. 3, 2022.

2022



BondVet.com does not offer declawing in any of their full service veterinary clinics.

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Petco's Vetco clinics do not perform declawing.

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ETHOS VETERINARY HEALTH

Ethos opposes declawing as an elective procedure and we are supportive of the AAHA and AAFP position statements on declawing. Our hospitals do not perform this procedure unless medical necessary for conditions such as a chronic nail infection or tumor.

Ethos opposes declawing as scratching is a normal feline behavior. Additionally, declawing is an amputation of the third bone in each toe and there are inherent risks and complications with declawing that increase with age such as acute pain, infection, nerve trauma, as well as long term complications like lameness, behavioral problems, and chronic neuropathic pain.

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National Veterinary Associates (NVA) purchased Ethos in Aug. 2021.

NVA still allows declawing in their practices.

The Reimann family owns JAB Investors which owns NVA.

M. Modern Animal

"We do not offer declawing. Modern Animal strongly opposes declawing as an elective procedure. Scratching is a normal and essential feline behavior and this procedure can result in chronic pain, infections as well as behavioral problems. We may perform a single declaw removal when medically/therapeutically necessary."

Note to City the Kitty on Dec. 27, 2022

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