Declaw Information & Admission Form

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Declawing your indoor cat is often in the best interest of the household, as it may prevent injuries to family members and other pets, damage to furniture, and the frustration that comes with having to repair or replace household items. Because cats only intentionally sharpen their front toenails, removal of these nails will prevent most types of damage in your house. If you have furniture which may be damaged when your cat curls its back toes during a jump (e.g. waterbed, leather couch), **you may elect to have claws removed from all four feet.** This may be done at the same time as the front or at a later date. If the rear declaw is performed separately, anesthesia charges do apply again. **The declaw procedure can also be combined with having the cat spayed or neutered.** Please ask for a combination quotation if the procedures are going to be performed at the same time.

In order to protect your pet and other pets in the hospital, **we require that all cats be current on vaccinations for Rabies and Feline Distemper, and have had a negative Feline Leukemia / FIV test and fecal exam.** Pre-anesthetic blood tests for anemia, diabetes, liver and kidney function (chemistry panel-CBC) are also performed. A physical exam is given prior to anesthesia for the procedure. If fleas or ear mites are noted, your cat will be treated to prevent spread to other patients or contamination of surgical sites.

The declaw involves the complete removal of the toenail and associated bone. The pet is under general anesthesia in the hospital surgery room with monitoring equipment. The basic procedure utilizes a combination of intravenous and gas anesthesia. With any general anesthesia there is a small chance of complications. Anesthesia may cause a decrease in body temperature, so we use a hot water heating pad to maintain body temperature and speed recovery time. Before surgery and upon recovery **an injectable pain relief medication** is administered. An additional pain relief injection is given on the morning following surgery. Your cat's paws will remain bandaged the day after surgery. We recommend **an additional night or hospitalization** to help prevent the cat from becoming active too quickly, which can cause soreness of spotting from the toes. When you take your cat home, you should try to prevent jumping from heights greater than 3 feet and use only paper or shredded paper in the litter box for 2 weeks.

The basic front declaw price is $489.35, which includes pre-anesthesia, gas general anesthesia, warm water heating pad, pulse oximeter monitor, IV catheter and fluids, the declaw procedures on the front feet, two nights of hospitalization, pain relief medication, and bandage removal. A charge may be added for the physical exam (see below). **Please read and complete the following:**

	Yes	**No**
Has your cat had a chem-CBC, feline leukemia / FIV test?	**( )**	**( )**

The following are additional costs, which may or may not apply today:

Physical exam	$36-$68 (no charge if examined within last 2 weeks)
Rear nail removal	$100
Rabies vaccine	$23 (Imrab) to $35 (Purevax)
Distemper vaccine	$23
Fecal	$45
Chemistry panel-CBC	$50.85 plus $15 blood draw fee
Feline Leukemia-FIV test	$52
Flea Treatment	$17
Ear mite treatment	$30

The estimate of my total bill is: _____
Phone number where you can be reached today: _____

I have read the above information. I understand that this facility does not provide 24-hour care. If 24-hour care is indicated for my pet, I understand such care may be provided through the P.E.T. * E.R. in Towson.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The safety and comfort of your pet are our primary concerns
♥ Thank you for entrusting your cat to our care ♥

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