

Kitten Konnection at ECHS Declawing and Outdoor Policies

Declawing: Kitten Konnection does not support declawing of felines at any age. Clawing is a natural, healthy, and important part of a cat's behavior. Declawing is the equivalent of cutting a person's fingers off at the first knuckle. This is a painful surgery with discomfort often persisting for a long period of time. With no claws, a cat is vulnerable to predators and human cruelty since the cat cannot defend itself whether inside the home or if outside for any reason. Just like the humans, toes assist with balance and a declawed cat has to relearn how to walk after surgery. Declawed cats often have litter box issues as well. Nearly 24 countries have banned or restricted declawing surgery. Many U.S. veterinarians refuse to do the procedure and consider it inhumane.



Being Let Outside: Many of the felines that make up our Kitten Konnection rescue/adoption program have endured tremendous hardships, challenges, and heartache. As volunteers, we have seen some of the most horrific things imaginable done to animals. We want our cats to have long, healthy lives which is why we require any adopted kitten to have an indoor forever home. Abiding by this rule ensures our kitten(s) are being adopted into an inside environment where they are safe from vehicles, predators (humans and animals), environmental poisons, etc. At no time do we give consent for our adopted kittens to be let outdoors.

By signing below, you hereby state that you agree to the terms of this adoption and are in agreement that no adopted kitten in your possession will be declawed nor let outside for any reason.

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Adopter's signature

Date: x

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Adopter's printed name