

**Mount Berry Animal Hospital
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Declaw

Your cat will need minor post-operative care for the next couple of weeks. He/she has skin glue and/or absorbable sutures in each toe. These products will dissolve in the next 2-3 weeks or your cat may pull these out while licking and grooming their feet. If excessive licking occurs then we recommend use of an E-collar. We strongly recommend that you change your cat's litter to shredded paper for at least 7-10 days after their surgery. This will reduce the chances of infection and delayed healing. The bandages placed on their feet after surgery may be removed either by you in 2-3 days or by the veterinarian. All declawed pets are placed on both antibiotics and pain medication. These medications help in the recovery period which ranges from 1-3 weeks or longer. Your cat may experience minor discomfort, resulting in a limp which will resolve following healing. However, if you notice any signs of infection, discharge, swelling, soreness or discomfort beyond 3 weeks, please let us know.

There is a small chance of post-operative bleeding 48-72 hours after surgery. This is most often due to licking or hitting the paw(s) such that the scab may fall off. Usually, this bleeding stops without incident. If the amount is large, please give us a call. In the mean time, place your cat in a confined area that is dry and quiet such as the bathroom or kitchen.