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I have not heard anyone mention Laser Declawing, and I want to make sure you are all familiar with this procedure. Laser declawing, unlike traditional surgical declawing results in very little, if any pain, and no bleeding. The cat is up and walking around soon after. Some vets will only use this method.

Our cat was declawed using a laser at the age of 5 months, she did not appear to be in any pain and there was no bleeding, she acted completely normal. However, a friend took his 6 year old cat to the same vet for declawing, but was told she was too old. The vet makes the decision about the suitability of declawing. Just like humans, it is the doctor that decides, not the government.

Please poll the shelters and see how many declawed cats are killed before you make an authoritarian decision. You will see that they are adopted out quicker.

I hope you will defend the medical providers' right to make healthcare decisions.

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