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Florida Leaders in Lifesaving, a program of the Jacksonville Humane Society, officially endorses the National Animal Control Association (NACA)'s position of unequivocally opposing the elective declawing of cats for non-therapeutic reasons.

This position is also endorsed by other state and national animal welfare organizations including the Florida Association of Animal Protection Agencies, the Florida Association of Animal Welfare Organizations, and the Association of Shelter Veterinarians.

We stand strongly in support of this position, and agree with NACA's conclusion that *"elective declawing of cats for non-therapeutic purposes is inconsistent with modern feline welfare science, poses significant medical and behavioral risks, and undermines the human–animal bond. NACA supports humane alternatives, public education, and policy efforts that prioritize the welfare of cats while empowering guardians and animal care professionals with effective tools for behavior management".*

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