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To Whom It May Concern:

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New Survey: Feline Declaw

Start: 2018-02-16 16:35:00 Canada/Pacific

End: 2018-03-08 23:59:00 Canada/Pacific

Turnout: 765 (44.1%) of 1735 electors voted in this ballot.

1. Have you performed a feline declaw procedure (whether "routine" or "non-routine/therapeutic") recently (within the past 5 years)?

Option	Votes
No	595 (77.8%)
Yes	170 (22.2%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
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2. Do you perform "routine" declawing?

Option	Votes
No	550 (93.2%)
Yes	40 (6.8%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
Abstain	175 (22.9%)

3. How many "routine" declaw procedures do you perform per year?

Option	Votes
1-5	50 (90.9%)
6-10	4 (7.3%)
16-20	1 (1.8%)
11-15	0 (0.0%)
More than 20	0 (0.0%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
Abstain	710 (92.8%)

4. Do you perform "non-routine/therapeutic" declawing?

Option	Votes
No	243 (53.8%)
Yes	209 (46.2%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
Abstain	313 (40.9%)

5. How many "non-routine/therapeutic" declaw procedures do you perform per year?

Option	Votes
1-5	177 (95.7%)
6-10	5 (2.7%)
11-15	3 (1.6%)
16-20	0 (0.0%)
More than 20	0 (0.0%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
Abstain	580 (75.8%)

6. If you perform "non-routine/therapeutic" declawing, what steps do you take before arriving at the decision to declaw?

Option	Votes
Owner education and support	209 (15.6%)
Behavioral modification (pheromone sprays, environmental enrichment, etc.)	194 (14.5%)
Nail trimming (in clinic)	194 (14.5%)
Situational modification (remove the person in danger, offer scratching posts, physical barriers to access, apply double-sided tape to areas the cat is damaging, etc.)	190 (14.2%)
Nail trimming (by owner)	182 (13.6%)
Nail caps (e.g. SoftPaws) applied in clinic	169 (12.6%)
Nail caps (e.g. SoftPaws) applied by owner	159 (11.9%)
Other	43 (3.2%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
Abstain	526 (68.8%)

7. If you perform "non-routine/therapeutic" declawing, what final rationale do you use to decide to declaw?

Option	Votes
Owner will euthanize the cat if not done	194 (38.3%)
Owner will surrender the cat to a shelter if not done	135 (26.7%)
Owner will abandon the cat if not done	127 (25.1%)
Other	50 (9.9%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
Abstain	529 (69.2%)

8. Do you support an absolute ban on all feline declawing without any exceptions?

Option	Votes
Yes	413 (54.0%)
No	294 (38.4%)
Undecided	53 (6.9%)
Indifferent	5 (0.7%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
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9. Do you support a ban on feline declawing, with exceptions to address a feline behaviour issue (AFTER all other alternatives have been exhausted and the client has been clearly informed as to exactly what the procedure involves)?

Option	Votes
Yes	368 (48.1%)
No	340 (44.4%)
Undecided	46 (6.0%)
Indifferent	11 (1.4%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
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10. Do you support a ban on feline declawing, with exceptions in cases of physician-documented human medical need?

Option	Votes
Yes	371 (48.5%)
No	321 (42.0%)
Undecided	65 (8.5%)
Indifferent	8 (1.0%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
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11. Addressing feline declawing in a mandatory CVBC Practice Standard is just as effective and enforceable as a CVBC Bylaw provision addressing declawing.

Option	Votes
Don't know	313 (40.9%)
Disagree	232 (30.3%)
Agree	220 (28.8%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total	765
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