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## AFA Position Statement on Declawing Ferrets

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The American Ferret Association strongly opposes the practice of declawing. As part of the routine health maintenance of the ferret, the claws should be periodically trimmed. To do so avoids the problem of the ferret getting entangled in bedding or on other materials. Trimming also limits the growth of the "quick," the pink part of the nail.

Declawing of a specific digit should only be undertaken by a licensed veterinarian for health reasons where the failure to do so will impact negatively on the ferret's survival or on the functioning of the digit or paw or when needed to maintain a pain-free existence for the ferret.