

RESOLUTION NO. 03-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU,  
OPPOSING ONYCHETOMY (DECLAWING) AND FLEXOR  
TENDONECTOY PROCEDURES WITHIN THE CITY OF MALIBU

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU DOES HEREBY FIND, ORDER AND  
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals.

- A. The surgical procedure known as onychectomy, or "declawing," consists of amputating an animal's claws and the entire phalanx (up to the joint), including bones, ligaments and the extensor and flexor tendons.
- B. Declawing robs an animal of an integral means of movement and defense, increasing their risk of injury or death because they cannot adequately defend themselves against attacks by other animals.
- C. There are alternatives to declawing available to pet owners that involve no physical harm to the animal and avoid unnecessary pain or permanent disability to the animal. These include training the pet to use a scratch post, use of deterrent pheromone sprays, restricting the pet's access to certain areas of the home and more.

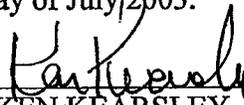
Section 2. Opposition to Onychectomy

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby oppose the use of onychectomy ("declawing") or flexor tendonectoy procedures by animal owners and veterinarians in the City of Malibu.

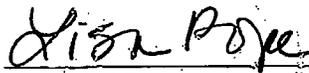
Section 3. Certification.

The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution.

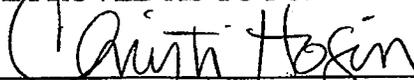
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2003.

  
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KEN KEARSLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LISA POPE, City Clerk  
(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CHRISTI HUGIN, City Attorney

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION NO. 03-34 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Malibu at the regular meeting thereof held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

Councilmembers: House, Jennings, Stern, Barovsky, Kearsley

  
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LISA POPE, City Clerk  
(seal)