

Cap that cat claw problem

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Scratch damage to furniture is often a consequence when a cat's living space is confined to a flat or house, not to mention the minor injuries to owners that playful cats and sharp claws can inflict. Now a product that has been a top seller on the American market is available in the UK as a retail kit.

Soft Claws is a unique product for 'indoor' cats and has been used by some famous felines like Hillary Clinton's cat, Socks, while padding around The White House in Washington. The soft vinyl claw caps are an established answer in the States to the problems of furniture damage or injuries by playful cats and over 50 million nail caps have been sold. The caps also help cats with feline skin conditions by preventing self-mutilation from hind claw scratching.

Once available in the UK only as a vet kit through selected veterinary practices, online distributor SPUK (soft paws UK) are making the simple but ground-breaking product available as a retail kit.

Senior Veterinary Nurse and Cat lover Victoria Cottington from MediVet says:

"I am probably Soft Claws biggest fan!!! I LOVE them, i use them on my own cat and would recommend them to anyone who has a problem with scratching cats, i have had no problems and find they last 6 weeks or so with my indoor cat. They are easy to apply and dont affect the cats natural behaviour, allowing them to scratch without any damage"

The caps come in five colours, including clear, pink and blue, and enable cat owners to give their pets a manicured look. Because the caps fall off with the natural growth of a cat's claws, they must be reapplied every 4-6 weeks.

Soft Claws are also available for dogs and, like their feline equivalent, safeguard the furniture, doors, hardwood floors and family and friends, whilst allowing the pet freedom to exercise its natural instincts. When skin conditions are causing self mutilation from hind claw scratching, Soft Claws offer immediate relief and prove an effective answer to the problem.

The caps are quite easy to fit at home but, if preferred, a vet should be happy to help with the application. Soft Claws were developed by an American vet, Toby Wexler, who worked in conjunction with the University of Louisiana.

A 6 month kit containing two tubes of adhesive and 40 caps retails for £21. The products can currently be purchased on-line by visiting www.spuk.com. where there is also full information about Soft Claws for both dogs and cats. Retail availability will also be published on the website as more shops and surgeries become authorised outlets for the products.

Pictures and captions are available at www.spuk.com

About SPUK/Softclaws UK

Soft Claws is a unique product for indoor cats, which is now available in the UK . The product is exceptionally successful in the USA where claw caps are an established answer to the problems of furniture damage or injuries caused by playful cats. They also help cats with feline skin conditions by preventing self mutilation from hind claw scratching.

The product has been on the market for around 15 years in the USA and has sold over 50 million nail caps. Hillary Clinton's cat called Socks wore Soft claws whilst padding around the Whitehouse!

Developed by a veterinarian, Soft Claws are vinyl nail caps designed to fit easily over your cat's claws, without harming your cat. Soft Claws Nail Caps are the painless, non-surgical solution for cats' destructive scratching. Each application takes only minutes and lasts up to six weeks!

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