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1. FECAVA endorses the relevant articles of the European Convention of Pet Animals whose articles specifically prohibit the performance of surgical procedures (including specifically the docking of dog's tails, the cropping of ears, de-vocalisation, de-clawing cats and de-fanging) for cosmetic purposes only
2. Exceptions can be made only when a veterinarian considers the procedure in the interest of that specific animal, and is for therapeutic purposes only