

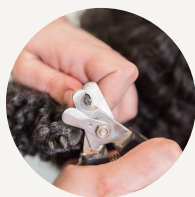


STEPS TO TRIMMING NAILS

Trimming nails is a necessary part of having a healthy and happy dog. Many pet owners dread doing it themselves, but nail trimming doesn't have to be a negative experience for you and your dog. Scan QR code to watch a video.



- 1** Be patient, keep a gentle and positive attitude, and make sure to use safe, dog-friendly clippers. It is usually easier to trim your dog's nails if you have someone who can help by restraining your dog.



- 2** Pick up a paw and firmly, but gently, place your thumb on the pad of a toe and your forefinger on the top of the toe on the skin above the nail. Make sure none of your dog's fur is in the way.

Push your thumb slightly up and backward on the pad, while pushing your forefinger forward. This extends the nail.





3 If your dog has light-colored nails, you should see the quick within the nail. Your goal is to cut approximately 2-3 mm away from the quick, to avoid causing your dog pain. If your dog has dark nails, you may not be able to see the quick. In this case, only trim the very tip of the nail.



4 Through a series of small clips, removing 1-2 mm of nail with each clip, you can gradually work the nail to a shorter length while minimizing the likelihood of significantly damaging the quick. Make your final cut at or near the point where the nail begins to curve, but stop sooner if you encounter the quick.

5 It is possible you may clip a quick when trimming nails. Hopefully, you're making small cuts and you only cut the very tip of the quick, resulting in minimal discomfort to your dog and a little blood. If this happens, you can apply a small amount of styptic powder (available at pet supply stores) to the end of your dog's nail to stop the bleeding. Otherwise, you can use flour or cornstarch.

6 Always give your dog a treat or playtime after a nail trim. You want them to associate nail trimming with something positive. In some cases, smearing a small amount of peanut butter on a wall or door may convince your dog to stand still for nail trimming.

PRO TIP: HANDLE YOUR DOG'S PAWS OFTEN, AND ONLY CUT ONE PAW AT A TIME THEN BUILD UP OVER TIME.