

Your puppy's nail trim - here's how it went

Today we trimmed/attempted to trim nails.

How your puppy did during our nail trimming session:

Your pup was completely relaxed. Keep up the great work!

Things went okay but there is room for improvement.

Your puppy showed signs of stress and needs help to be more relaxed.

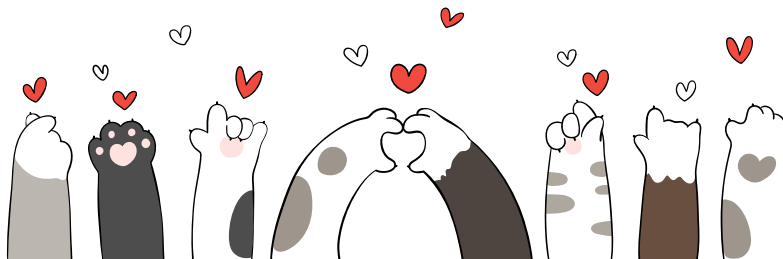
Paw(s) that need attention:

front left

front right

back left

back right

Notes**How to Ensure a Successful Pedi**

Dogs are not naturally comfortable having their nails trimmed. Early preparation can make all the difference. Your contribution matters. By practicing simple exercises between visits you'll help your pup feel more comfortable with the procedure.

Let's work together! See over for some handy tips.



Do this at home

Tips

Keep sessions under 2 minutes. Do a couple sessions a week.

Give your dog a treat after each repetition.

Use tiny pieces of soft treats your dog loves.

Paw and nail handling steps

Handle paws followed by feed a treat.

Handle nails followed by feed a treat.

Apply gentle pressure to nail followed by feed a treat.

If you have your own nail trimmer - show it to the puppy, then feed a treat (you could substitute a trimmer with a nail file or a teaspoon, remember this is just a dress rehearsal).

If you have a nail trimmer practice trimming on some dried pasta so pup gets use to the snip sound, feed a treat after each snip.*

Position pasta close to pup's paw and practice trimming pasta.

If a nail grinder such as a Dremel is used on your pup, you can practice with one of these at home too. Follow the steps below.

Step 1- Turn on grinder and feed pup (do a 5 count).

Turn off, stop feeding.

Repeat 10 times.

Do this until pup is relaxed when they hear the sound.

Step 2 - Place the non grinding end on the pups paw, take away, feed, do all 4 paws. Repeat. Do this until pup is comfortable with all paws.

Step 3 - Hold nail and place non grinding end against nail. Take grinder away, feed a treat. Repeat on all paws. Practice regularly between nail trims at the groomer or vet clinic.

** Special credit to Laura Monaco Torelli for the 'pasta' technique.*

