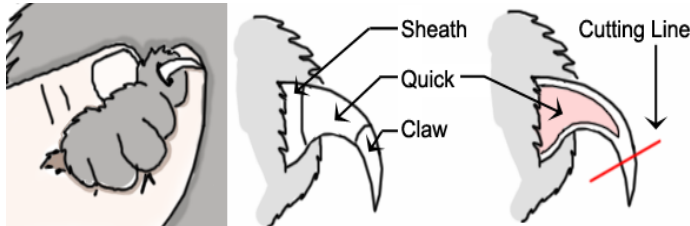


NAIL TRIMS

Nails can be tricky to trim, especially if they are dark in colour. Regular nail trims are important to keep the quick short and avoid ingrown nails. In severe cases, overgrown nails can cause deformities in paws. It is helpful to handle your pet's paws regularly to help desensitize.

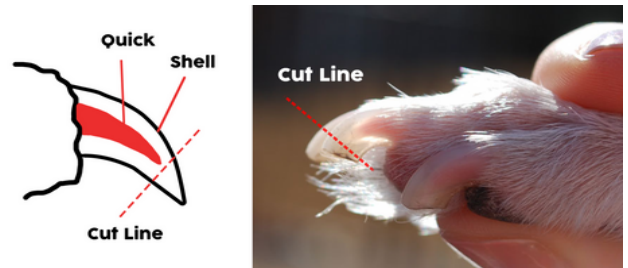
Feline:

<https://www.sfspca.org/resource/claw-clipping/>



Canine:

<https://www.underdogpets.com/blogs/news/how-to-trim-your-dogs-nails>



Tips and tricks to trim your pet's nails:

- Hold the paw with your non-dominant hand so you can see the bottom of the nails.
- Help stabilize the digit with your thumb on the pad and your index finger on top of the nail.
- Keep the clippers at a perpendicular angle to the nail.
- Cut small amounts off at a time. Examine the nail after every cut to ensure you are not getting too close to the quick.
- When you are coming close to the quick, you will start to see a light pink, or black circle. This is the sign to stop trimming.

What to do if you trim a nail too short:

- Apply pressure with a tissue or paper towel.
- If bleeding does not stop, you can try to apply cornstarch to the nail. There are other options you can buy from pet stores if needed.
- Call the Veterinary Clinic if bleeding persists or you are concerned.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmyU1zMN8YM&t=31s> for feline

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysse5_pdlqc for canine