

How to TRIM YOUR CATS NAILS



1 KEEP KITTY STILL 🐾

To restrain a cat in your lap, you can use your forearms draped over the cat's neck and hind-end to keep the cat in your lap. Or choose a position that's comfortable for you that allows you to hold kitty steady and gives you clear access to the claws.



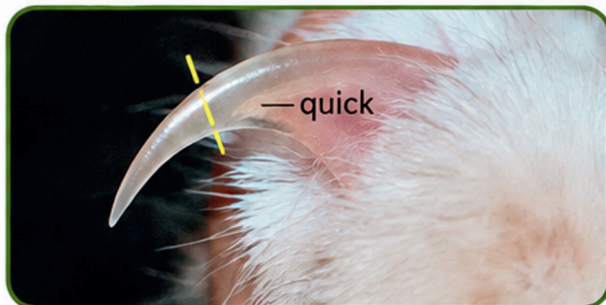
2 EXPOSE THE NAIL 🐾

Cats have retractile claws so you need to gently squeeze the toe between your thumb and forefinger to expose the claw.



3 STAY AWAY FROM THE PINK 🐾

Most cats have light colored claws, making it easy to see the blood vessels and nerves that supply the claw as a pink stripe at the base of the nail, which is called a quick. You DON'T want to cut into the quick! Aim for between the nail point and the yellow line in the photo.



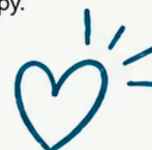
4 DON'T FORGET THE "THUMB" 🐾

Cats have a nail on the inner side of each foot called the dew claw. Remember to trim these as they are not worn down when the cat scratches and can grow in a circle, growing into the foot.



TIPS:

- ♥ When finished, praise kitty and give treats. You want them to associate the process with something pleasurable.
- ♥ Be sure to do it in a well-lit area so you can easily see the quick and use sharp clippers.
- ♥ Touch your cats feet and express the nails when petting or playing so they get more used to it.
- ♥ Take a break if necessary, before kitty gets very agitated. Remember to reward good behavior.
- ♥ For very unwilling cats, it's best to work up to it. Pick a time when the cat is relaxed or sleepy. You can also enlist a helper or use a towel but keep very calm, you kitty to stay relaxed and not feel trapped.
- ♥ Ask your foster about tips for your particular cat.
- ♥ You can always have a professional do it.



..... Thank you for giving
your new kitty the best start! ♥