

How to trim your cat's nails

Nail trims can be performed by one or two people with most cats.

It is important to perform the nail trim on your lap or in a comfortable chair to help make the process easier on you and the cat. There are several types of nail trimmers. We prefer to use human fingernail trimmers as they are comfortable in your hand and most people are used to using them, but use what ever you are most comfortable with. Trimming your cat's nails once monthly not only trims the nails but allows you to inspect your cat's feet for health issues.



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1. It is important to perform the nail trim on your lap or in a comfortable chair to help make the process easier on you and the cat. Leave the cat's leg in as natural a position as possible, do not stretch it out as this will make the cat wary of what you are about to do.



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2. In order to trim a cat's nail you must first push on the base of the nail to make it easier to see where you will be cutting.



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3. Then look for the blood supply a.k.a. quick of the nail.



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4. Make sure to cut the nail above the quick so you do not cause the cat any pain or bleeding.

5. Repeat this process with each of the 5 nails on the front feet and each of the 4 nails on the rear feet.



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You do not need to trim all 18 nails in the same session. Some cats do better with only a few nails done at each sitting. Some cats are not agreeable to having their nails trimmed at home. Your veterinarian's office or a reputable groomer offer nail trimming services and are able to complete the task quickly for the cat.



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