

NAIL GRINDING GUIDE



KEEPING ANIMALS HEALTHY, HAPPY & BEAUTIFUL



PREMIUM NAIL FILER
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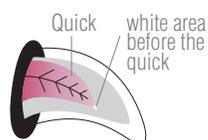


CLASSIC NAIL SMOOTHER
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ULTIMATE NAIL GRINDER
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ANATOMY OF A DOG'S NAIL



Quick in a short nail



Quick in a long nail



As the nail gets shorter,
so does the quick

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noun

1. The blood supply and nerve that nourish a dog's nail.

The toenail is composed of two major parts the quick and the horn-like nail itself.

The quick gets longer as the nail grows. If you clip a little off a long nail every few days, the quick will recede with the nail. In time, you will be able to grind the nails shorter.

NAIL GRINDER TIPS TEACH YOUR DOG TO LOVE THE GRINDER

Introduction - In the early stages, let your dog see the grinder not running and praise and treat.

Desensitize - In later sessions, turn the grinder on and progressively allow it to get closer. Eventually touch a nail tip, praise and treat.

Grinding - It may take several sessions before you actually grind for the first time. Be happy with working a short bit on just one nail. Don't forget to praise and treat!

Be sure to clip the hair off long haired dogs or hold it back so it doesn't get wound in the grinder shaft. Support the dog's toe without squeezing too hard. Grind across the bottom and then in from the nail tip, smoothing rough edges as you go. If you do this weekly, the quick will recede and you will be able to maintain short nails on your dog.

Grinding vs Clipping

- It is easier to avoid the quick with a grinder since you are taking off a smaller portion of the nail at a time.
- Grinding is a gentle press-release-press-release movement, removing the excess nail in small increments.
- You can usually spot the quick to avoid hitting it, unless your pet has dark or black nails.
- Grinding can make the nails hot so make sure you're not holding the tool to the nail for more than a second or so at a time.

*Nail grinding is a safe alternative to trimming. Please use caution when utilizing any tools to shorten your pet's nails. Grinding the nail too short can lead to "quicking" or causing the nail to bleed.