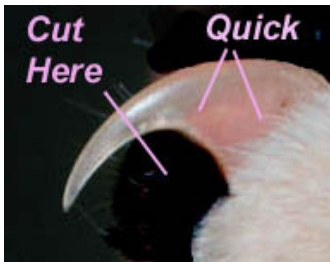




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TRIMMING CAT NAILS

Cat nails usually need trimmed every month. Front nails need trimmed more often than rear nails in most cats. Cats have retractile claws so you need to gently squeeze the toe between thumb & forefinger to expose the claw.



Most cats have light colored toenails, making it easy to see the blood vessels and nerves that supply the toenail as a pink stripe at the base of the nail, which is called a quick. You want to cut the toenail to within approximately 1/16th inch of the quick.

If you cut into the quick, the toenail will bleed and the cat will experience pain.

Cat nail scissors allow you to see exactly where you are cutting, but are small enough to easily angle as needed.



Cats usually need their front nails trimmed every 3-6 weeks and their back nails trimmed about half as often. Be sure to pet and touch your cat's feet, toes and nails on a daily basis so they won't become frightened when you actually trim the nails. If your cat is really nervous about the process, just trim the nails on a single, different foot each week. A small food reward afterwards is usually a good idea, too.