

# *Assignment D2*

## Clipping White Nails



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Clipping a dog's nail removes the dead tip and allows the healthy nail to grow. In this assignment, you will clip the nails on a dog with white nails.

**For this assignment you will need the following:**

- A camera video camera and someone to film you
- A dog with white nails
- A signed copy of the release form for assignment D2
- Nail clippers (small and/or large depending on the size of the dog's nails)
- A nail file
- A styptic powder, gel or pencil (or an alternative like flour or cornstarch)

**Guidelines for selecting a dog:**

Choose a dog with white nails. Ask the dog's owner when the dog most recently had his nails clipped. You don't want to clip recently trimmed nails or you will likely cut the quick. If the dog's nails are protruding past his pads or are touching the floor, they are definitely due for a trim. If the dog has recently had his nails trimmed, find another dog to work with.

**Remember: When you are grooming a dog, he must be safely restrained on a non-slip surface.**

### Step 1:

Take a picture of your styptic product (or alternative).

## Step 2:

Choose a small and/or large pair of clippers depending on the size of the nails you will be trimming. For example, the nails of a large breed such as a German Shepherd will require large nail clippers. If the dog has a dewclaw that is difficult to access, you may need an especially small pair of clippers.

## Step 3:

Choose one of the dog's front feet and one of his rear feet to work with. Have your friend film a "before" video that shows a close-up of the nails on the front foot and the rear foot. Lift each foot and film the nails from the front and the side. If applicable, make sure to include a shot of the dog's dewclaw.

Use the framing below. Your tutor should be able to easily identify the length, color and shape of the nails (i.e. hooked or flat).

**Your video should be up to 30 seconds long. Use the framing below.**



**Save the video to your computer. Next, upload your video to Youtube and include the link below:**

## Step 4:

Clip the nails on each foot to the desired lengths by making even cuts. Remember that you want to remove as much of the dead nail as possible without cutting the quick. If applicable, don't forget to trim the nail on the dewclaw.

## Step 5:

Use a nail file to smooth each nail and to remove any rough or uneven edges.

## Step 6:

Take an "after" video of the trimmed nails. You must film the same front foot and the same rear foot that you chose in Step 3. If applicable, include an "after" shot of the dewclaw. Your video should be up to 30 seconds long. Use the same framing as in Step 3.

Your tutor is looking for:

- Did you make even cuts?
- Did you file any rough or uneven edges?
- Did you trim a sufficient portion of each nail without cutting the quick?
- If applicable, did you trim the dewclaw?

**Save the video to your computer. Next, upload your video to Youtube and include the link below:**

## Step 7:

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the breed of the dog whose nails you clipped?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Did you choose to use small and/or large nail clippers? Explain your answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Prior to trimming, were the dog's nails hooked or flat?

4. How did you decide where to stop trimming the nails?

**Upload the following files to the Online Student Center:**

1. The release form for assignment D2 (signed by the dog's owner)
2. Photo of styptic powder
3. This assignment template with video links included