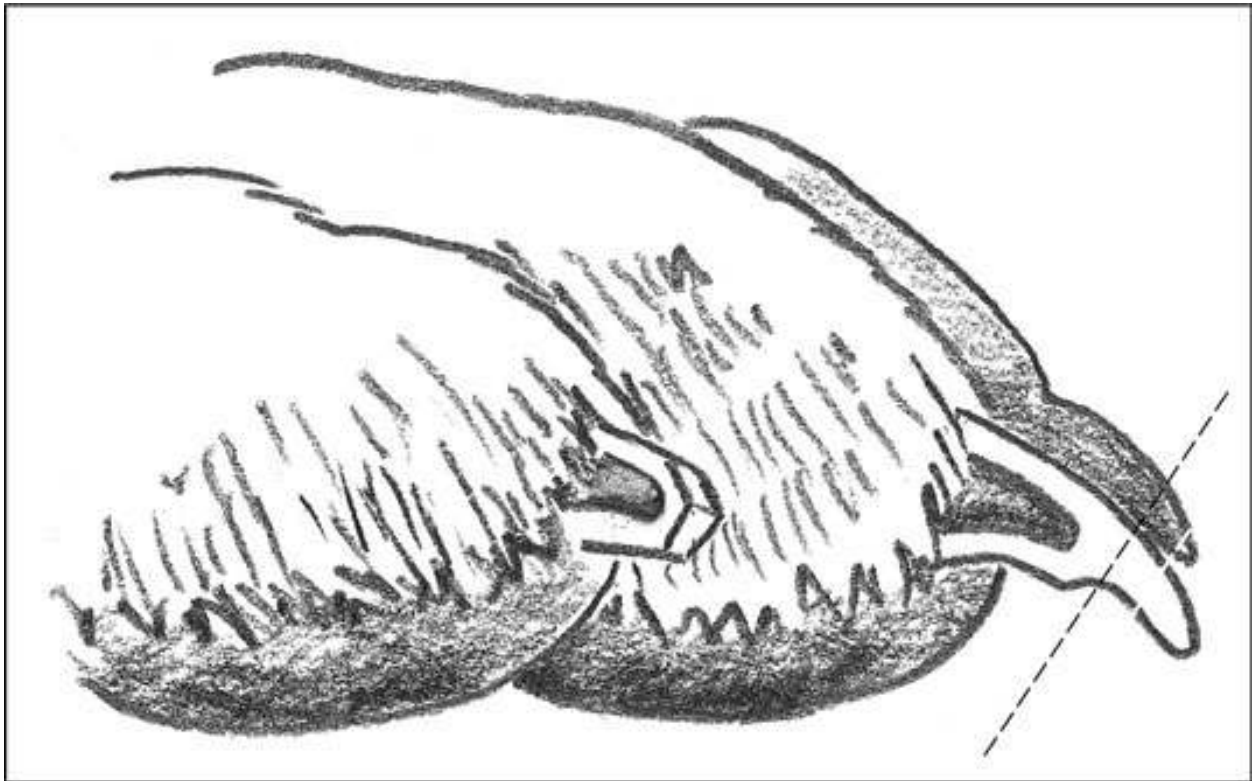


Here are 3 easy steps to follow in cutting your dog's nails at home!



(<https://www.dummies.com/pets/dogs/how-to-trim-your-dogs-toenails/>)

To trim your dog's nails:

- **Hold the foot steady, but hold it gently.**
- **Snip off a small bit of the end of each toenail.**
Using either the guillotine or scissors-type clippers, place a tiny bit of the nail in the nail clipper and snip.
If the nail feels spongy while you're trying to cut it, stop immediately — you're cutting the quick!
- **Stop any bleeding immediately.**
If you cut the quick (often called quicking), you'll have an

unhappy dog and a bloody mess. The quick bleeds a great deal, so if you cut it, you need either a nail cauterizer — a tool that stops the bleeding by applying heat — or styptic powder you can apply with a cotton swab. Have a damp washcloth at hand ready to clean up styptic powder and blood as necessary.

Quicking hurts a lot, and most dogs remember the experience long afterward. (Margaret H. Bonham, *The Complete Guide to Mutts*, 2008).

- My advice is to ALWAYS reward your dog with **a special treat** and verbal GOOD DOG! [Click HERE](#) for some great options for you to end each nail-trimming!

