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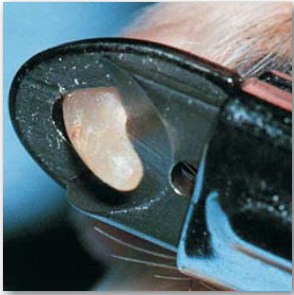
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## Chapter 1

# Caring for Your Dog's Paws

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The canine nail grows constantly, as does the human fingernail. Wild canids like wolves and foxes wear down their nails naturally as they travel through the wilderness in their daily lives. Dogs, on the other hand, lead more pampered lives and need help keeping their nails at a proper length. This is especially true of smaller, lighter breeds who don't have the body weight to help wear down their nails.



Also, because dogs walk barefoot, they are prone to develop issues with their paw pads. Dogs with long hair are especially at risk of having problem with their paws because of the hair that grows between their toes.

### Perfect Paws

To keep your dog's paws in good shape, inspect them at least once a week. Look for cracked pads, and for burrs, foxtails, and other objects

that may have become lodged between your dog's toes.

If you find deep cracks in your dog's paw pads that are painful to the touch, contact your veterinarian. Your dog may need medication to help them heal. Don't worry if he has hard calluses, however. Active dogs have callused paw pads because they use them a lot.

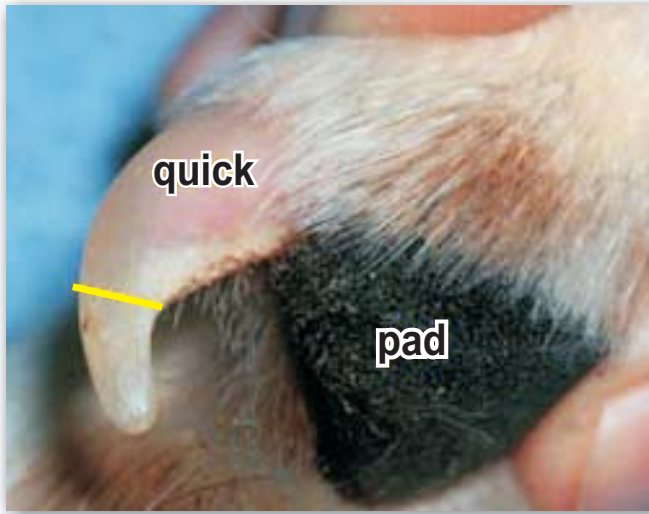
Next, look in between your dog's toes. If you see burrs and foxtails tangled in the fur, place a dab of COWBOY MAGIC DETANGLER™ & SHINE on the affected area and work the object out of the hair using your fingers.

### Trimming Nails

If you've ever seen a dog with overgrown nails, you have an idea of how uncomfortable this condition can be. Long nails on a dog cause the paw joints to twist to the side. The dog's toes may also be forced into an unnatural upward position. If nails are allowed to stay overgrown for a long time, the dog may develop abnormalities in his gait and other parts of his body.

The frequency in which your dog needs his nails trimmed depends on his breed, his body type and his activity level. All dogs should have their nails evaluated at least once a month to determine if they need trimming.

You'll know your dog needs his nails trimmed if you hear clicking or scratching when he walks



on a hard surface. If his nails are curled and turn out to the side, they are way overdue for a trim. If you want to trim your dog's nails, these are the tools you will need to have on hand:

- **A nail trimmer.** You can buy nail trimmers made specifically for dogs at pet supply stores.
- **Styptic powder.** Get this at a drug store. It's good to have on hand in case you cut the nail too close and it starts to bleed.
- **Elevated table.** You'll need a stable, secure table you can put your dog on so you don't have to bend over him when you are working.
- **Treats.** Have some of your dog's favorite treats on hand so you can reward him for good behavior.

Once you are ready to start working, following this plan:

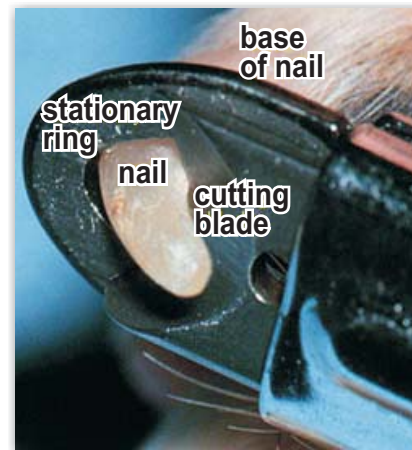
1. Look closely at each one of your dog's nails. You want to find out where the quick is located in the nail. (The quick is the vein that runs from the toe into the part of the nail.) The quick is easy to see in dogs with light-colored nails. In dogs with dark nails, you may need a flashlight held up to the nail to see it.

2. Start with one paw, and cut off just the tip of one toenail. Remind yourself of where the quick is located, and then cut some more. Repeat this until you have just a small amount of nail left between you and the quick.

3. If you accidentally cut in to the quick, don't panic. Just put a little styptic powder on the tip to stop the bleeding. Give your dog some treats to get his mind off what happened, and then start again.

4. Go to the next nail on you're the same paw and repeat the process. Finish up the entire paw, then give your dog a rest.

5. If your dog is squirming and objecting, try using more treats to show him this is a good thing. If he's not buying it, wait until he settles down, handle his paw for a minute without doing any



cutting, and then let him down if he cooperates. You can go back to trimming the other paw the next day.

6. Once the nail trimming job is complete, tell your

dog what a wonderful guy he is. That means lots of treats, or even a game of fetch.

If you keep an eye on your dog's toenails and trim them whenever necessary, your dog will get used to the process. His feet will look good and be healthy, too.

If your dog is completely uncooperative, or if you are afraid to do the work yourself, you can ask a veterinarian or professional groomer to trim your dog's nails for you.



## Chapter 2

# Proper Dog Dental Care



specifically for dogs to chew, but yet aren't so hard that your dog breaks a tooth while gnawing on it. The majority of chew toys marketed for dogs are too hard, according to veterinary dentists. Items that give a little when the dog bites down, and then soften as the dog chews (and are safe to swallow) are the best choice.

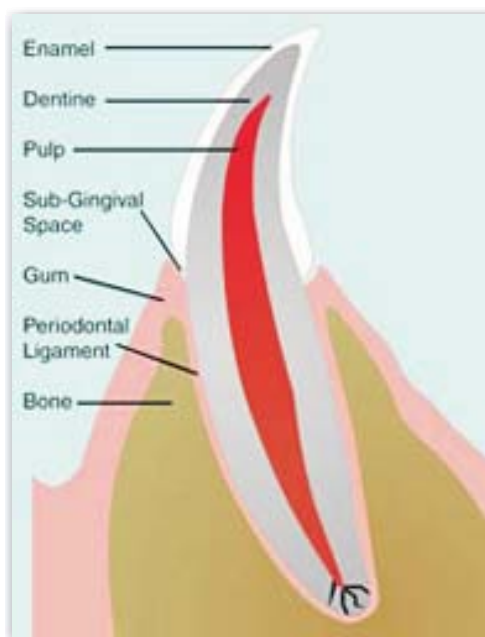
In addition to providing appropriate chew toys, brush your dog's teeth. This isn't hard to do, and should be part of a daily routine.

### Brushing your dog's teeth:

**1. Have a canine toothbrush** and canine toothpaste on hand. You can buy these items at pet supply stores. Canine toothpaste comes in different flavors, such as chicken, beef or peanut

**H**umans aren't the only ones who need regular dental care. Dogs must have it too, and for the same reasons. Plaque builds up on the teeth and jeopardizes the integrity of the tooth. Before long, the dog's gums become infected, and teeth begin to fall out. Your dog's breath may be atrocious, as well. In worse case scenarios, gum infections spread to the blood stream and cause life-threatening illness. You can prevent all this in two main ways. First, take your dog to a veterinarian at least once a year to have his teeth checked, and cleaned if necessary. Second, provide regular dental care at home.

Home dental care isn't as hard as you may think. Providing your dog with appropriate chew toys can do a lot to help keep his teeth clean. (This also gives him something to do.) Make certain you provide him with toys that are designed





butter. (Resist the urge to use human toothpaste instead since this stuff isn't meant to be swallowed and is unhealthy for your dog.) A canine toothbrush looks like a human toothbrush, although the handle is longer on the dog toothbrush and is more curved. You can also use a rubber finger brush, which is a cap that fits over your finger. Gauze wrapped around your finger is a substitute for a toothbrush and finger brush, although the finger brush and gauze are not as effective as a toothbrush when it comes to removing plaque.

**2. Get comfortable.** If you have never brushed your dog's teeth before, he may be confused as to what you are doing. You may need help keeping him still while you are at work. Get a helper to assist you, and put your dog in a position that is comfortable for all of you. Do it in a room that is quiet and without distractions. Have your helper hold the dog while you work.



**3. Gain access.** Wet the toothbrush and dab a little toothpaste on it. Use one hand to lift your dog's lip so you can see his teeth. If your dog struggles, tell him "no" or "wait." When he is still, tell him he's a good boy. Once he tastes the doggy toothpaste, he should start to be more cooperative.

**4. Start brushing.** Gently rub your dog's teeth and gums with the brush, covering a couple of teeth at a time. Make sure you brush the area where the tooth attaches to the gum since this is where plaque causes the most problems. Brush your dog's teeth the same way you would brush your own: by using a back and forth or circular motion.

**5. Go around the mouth.** Brush all of your dog's teeth, especially those in the back since the molars are the teeth most prone to periodontal disease. A good way to circulate around your dog's mouth is to start with the top teeth and then move to the teeth on the bottom jaw next. You will probably need to put more toothpaste on your brush as you work your way around your dog's mouth.



If you can't find time to brush your dog's teeth every day, then do it as often as possible. Practice dental care at least every time you bathe your dog using **COWBOY MAGIC® ROSEWOOD SHAMPOO** and **COWBOY MAGIC® CONCENTRATED ROSEWATER DETANGLER™ & CONDITIONER**. After rinsing and drying your dog, go over his teeth with a canine toothbrush as a finishing touch.



## Chapter 3

# Re-Moving The Skunk Smell



You can also use mix up your own de-skunking solution at home. The volume of ingredients you combine will vary depending on the size of your dog. If you have a small dog, a solution of 1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup of baking soda and a teaspoon of liquid detergent should be enough. If your dog is medium or large in size, make a few extra quarts of the solution and have it on hand while you are washing your dog. It's better to have too much than to have to stop in midstream to make more.

### Follow these steps to de-skunk your dog:

1. Work outdoors. Keeping your dog outside while you are cleaning him up will help keep your house from being contaminated with skunk smell. (Anything he touches in the house will smell and need to be washed in the same solution.)

**T**It's something you never forget—the first time your dog comes into the house after having an encounter with a skunk. The smell is unmistakable and just about unbearable. What can you do to get that awful smell off your dog?

Shampoos made just for the purpose of removing skunk smell are available at pet supply stores. They typically contain a combination of water, alcohol, enzymes and other ingredients, and work pretty well.



2. Rinse your dog thoroughly with water. Use lukewarm water if you can. If all you have is a garden hose, make do with this. Keep in mind that using cool water on your dog in cold weather may cause him to shiver, but having a dry towel handy to keep him covered when you aren't working on his coat should help.



3. Apply the solution to your dog's coat, making sure it soaks through hair all the way to the skin. If your dog has a thick, double coat, you will need to use more of the solution to get good coverage.

You want to penetrate through the hair and get all the way to the skin. (Keep in mind that the hydrogen peroxide may bleach your dog's hair.)

4. Scrub your dog's coat thoroughly for five minutes, making sure to get all the way down to the skin. Don't forget to wash his face, although take care not to get the solution in his eyes. To help protect them, add a drop of mineral oil in each eye before you begin working around his face.

5. Rinse your dog thoroughly with water, being sure to get all the way through his coat and down to the skin.

6. If you still smell skunk after finishing up and moving your dog to a different area of the yard, you'll need to wash him again. Repeat the entire process until you no longer detect any odor

coming from his coat.

7. To remove the hydrogen peroxide de-skunking solution and condition your dog's skin with protective **COWBOY MAGIC®** herbal blend skin conditioners wash your dog again, this time with **COWBOY MAGIC® Rosewater Shampoo**. Follow up with **COWBOY MAGIC® Rosewater Conditioner**. (Do this indoors so you can use lukewarm water on your dog.)

8. Dry your dog thoroughly with a clean towel, all the way to the skin. Put your nose into his coat: you shouldn't smell skunk anymore.

If you do, you'll need to wash him again with the hydrogen peroxide solution, following the same steps as above. Finish up with **COWBOY MAGIC® Rosewater Shampoo** and **COWBOY MAGIC® Rosewater Conditioner** a second time to remove the hydrogen peroxide solution and treat your dog's skin to the protective **COWBOY MAGIC®** herbal blend skin conditioners.

The good news is that even though you just spent a considerable amount of time and energy removing the skunk smell from your dog, he probably learned his lesson. Most dogs don't appreciate getting sprayed by a skunk, and quickly get the message. The skunk's easily recognizable black coat with white stripes provides a warning for dogs who have had the misfortune of being sprayed. Chances are, the next time your dog sees one of these critters, he will stay far away.

