

You and your pet

Nail trimming should be a regular routine

When cats and dogs were wild animals, they wore down their nails by constant exercise on rough terrain. But for modern pets that live indoors, long nails can result from lack of wear and become a nuisance.

To avoid problems like torn slipcovers and drapes at home, nail clipping should be a regular part of grooming. You can do the job yourself, or—if you're no match for a fully grown cat or dog—leave it to your veterinarian.

If you do it yourself, you will notice one thing right away—most cats and dogs do not like to have their feet handled. If your pet squirms and attempts to escape, speak soothingly to it and wait a minute or two before beginning again. But do not let your pet get away; this will only encourage further resistance. If held firmly and quietly, most pets will eventually resign themselves to having the job done.

FOR BEST RESULTS, use clippers designed for use on pets. Ordinary scissors do not always have the leverage necessary for a sharp clean cut through the hard nail surface. Buy a pair that fit comfortably in your hand, and have the salesman explain their proper use.

Be prepared to work slowly. Take time to examine each nail closely to determine where to cut. Each nail has a hard outer crust, with a thin pink blood vessel running down the center of the nail. Trim only the transparent tip of the nail—never down as far as the quick.

If you should accidentally cut the vein and bleeding starts, hold a piece of gauze or cotton against the nail until the bleeding stops. If it continues, call your veterinarian.



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When clipping a dog's nails, spread the toes carefully and brush stray hairs out of the way before trimming. If your pet has dark colored nails and you have trouble spotting the quick, a strong light beneath the nail may help.

A CAT MANICURE is made more difficult by the fact that a cat's claws are retractable; they withdraw into individual sheaths when not in use. You will have to press slightly on the base of each toe to make the nail appear for trimming.

The frequency of trimming will depend on how active your pet is and how much the nails wear down in normal use. The more active your pet, the less frequent the need for clipping.

Regular walks on a rough paved surface.

Jesuit leader talks to alumni

The Rev. James Hennessey, S.J., president of the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago, will deliver the main address to the first Sacred Heart Seminary College Joint Alumni Day gathering Sunday, Dec. 7.

Fr. Hennessey's topic will be "The Priesthood - 1776 to 1976."

The Alumni Day program for all graduates, whether or not they have gone to ordination, will begin at 5 p.m. with a "good fellowship hour." The talk will follow a dinner scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

SHSC, a four-year liberal arts college, has been preparing candidates for priesthood since 1919. About 1,100 graduates have been ordained as priests and 75 per cent of these serve in the metro Detroit area.

Phi Mu meets

The Detroit alumnae chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the home of Mrs. Gail Highland, 790 Westview Road, Bloomfield Hills, for a make-it, bake-it, sew-it, grow-it auction and decorating a mitten tree for Oakland County Children's Village.

The group's district alumnae director, Mrs. James Little of Addison, Ill., will be present. For reservations and information please call Mrs. Peter Lehr at 363-3505 or Mrs. Ralph Landgren at 682-7739.

St. Nicholas will visit OL

St. Nicholas, the European counterpart to Santa Claus, will be the highlight of the monthly Polish Day Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Orchard Lake Schools.

The schools—SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's College, and St. Mary's Preparatory—are located northwest of Detroit at Commerce and Orchard Lake Roads in West Bloomfield Township.

The full afternoon of activity begins at 1 p.m. and consists of the mass in Polish, a show by a Polish folk dance group, the visit by St. Nicholas, a Christmas puppet show, and the sharing of the traditional Polish wafer, or opiatek.

The campus bookstore and the offices of the Center for Polish Studies and Culture will be open during the afternoon for Christmas shoppers.

face will aid in keeping a dog's nails short, and you may only have to trim the nail on the dewclaw, a residual toe just above the paw. For cats, provide a wooden scratching block covered with a short-napped carpet, and encourage its use by rubbing some catnip over the carpeting.

A YOUNG PET can be conditioned to accept nail clipping as an ordinary procedure. During play, or when the pet is relaxing in your lap, gently stroke its feet. With kittens, practice pressing the base of each toe until the nail pops out of its sheath.

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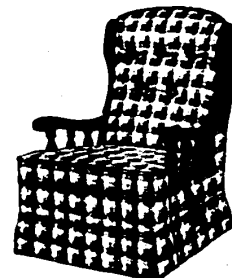
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