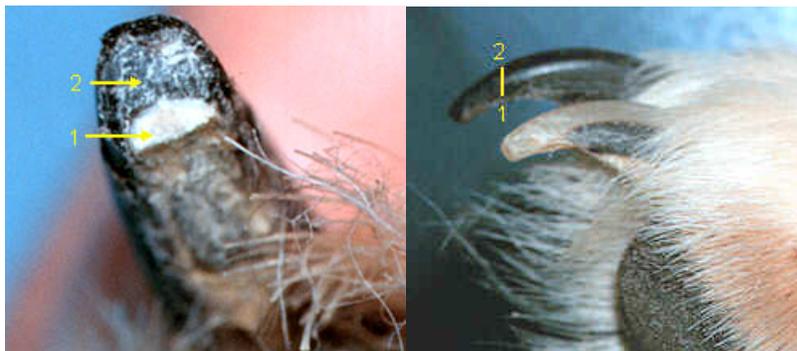


CANINE NAIL TRIMS

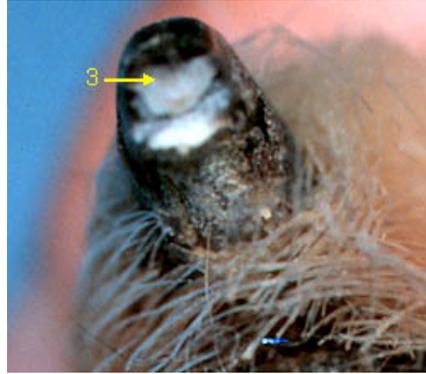
If your dogs toenails are white you can see the reddish/pinkish color in them. That is called the Quick (pictured below). The quick is the blood supply that's in the nail that goes to the foot. If you would cut the nail too short and nick the quick, the dog might yelp because it is painful. If you nick the quick and the nail starts to bleed, you can either use "Kwik Stop" (can be purchased at any pet store) or make a paste out of flour and water, and pack it into the nail where the bleeding is.



If your dog has black toenails, then seeing the quick is not an option. The only thing you can do in this case is to cut off a small piece at a time.



As you are trimming the nail, look at the bottom of it. The light tissue (1) is the curved bottom part of the nail. The mottled light and dark tissue (2) is the top part of the nail.



As you cut deeper, you will see a homogenous gray to pink oval (3) starting to appear at the top of the cut surface of the nail. Stop cutting the nail at this point. If you continue to cut, you will hurt your dog and make them bleed.

Tip: The sharper the trimmers, the cleaner the cut.

Tip: You can file the end of the nail to smooth the rough sharp edges or take your dog for a walk on cement.

Tip: Walking on cement might help grind down nails and allow for more time between each trim.

Tip: When your dog is a puppy you will want to play with their paws and hold them so that they get used to people touching them. This makes it easier for them to adjust to people trimming their nails.