

HOW TO MAKE A NAIL BOARD

Teaching your dog to use a nail board is not only a great skill for them to learn, but for dogs that feel uncomfortable with nail trims, this can turn into a fun game for them to play. Here's how to build a nail board for your upcoming class:

DIRECTIONS

- A base for your board. This can be a wooden art frame from the dollar store, a cutting board or even a piece of plywood cut to the preferred size
- 100 - 120 grit sand paper
- Duct Tape

1. *Cut your sandpaper to the size of your board base.* If your board is larger than the sandpaper, you can layer two sheets. When layering, you'll want to consider the direction that your dog will scratch in, especially if your board has a handle, so you don't create gap that your dog's foot can get caught on.
2. *Attach your sandpaper.* We prefer to use duct tape along the edge of the board. If you're using plywood, you may choose to nail your sandpaper to the board - if you do this, cover it well with tape afterward to ensure your dog can't injure their paw on the nail head.



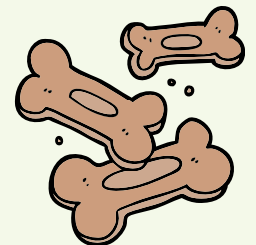
Size Matters.

It's important that the nail board is appropriately sized for your dog. Big dogs need them to be large enough that when they stretch their front leg out at about 45 degrees, they're able to make contact with the board.



GETTING READY FOR CLASS

This is a new experience for your dog and it's important to *go slow*. We don't want you to attempt to teach your dog to use the board before class, but you can introduce it to your dog. Simply place the board on the floor and sprinkle their favourite treats around it a few times leading up to the first class. This will help them learn that good things happen when the board comes out .



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