

## About Every Three Weeks:

### Nails



**Claw-type Nail Trimmer**

1. Using a nail clipper, preferably one designed for dogs (see photos), clip your basset's nails every three weeks or so. Short, well-kept nails help your dog walk and balance correctly, and keep him comfortable. A dog that never walks on pavement, and never has his nails clipped, can end up with nails so long they grow into his pads!
2. Avoid as much as possible clipping the “quick”, since this will cause bleeding, pain, and a basset who'll fight you next time you want to trim his nails! With white nails, it's pretty easy to see the vein, but with black nails it's impossible to see. Basically, clip only the *tip* of the nail. That is, don't clip so far back you're beyond where the tip starts to curve toward the toe
3. For a video demonstration, go here: [Dog Care Tips: How to Cut a Dog's Nails](#). There are many similar demonstration videos on youtube.com, just search for “trimming dog's nails”, etc. [Drsfostersmith.com](#) also has an excellent video on nail trimming.

**Guillotine Nail Trimmer**

