

The Pet-Paws Impression Process

A step-by-step guide to creating a beautiful, accurate paw print of your pet.

Three keys to a perfect impression:

1. The Play-Doh must be smooth, flat, and level.
 2. Leave at least a 1-inch margin between the paw print and the sides of the container.
 3. Impression depth should be:
 - 1/8"–1/4" for cats and small dogs
 - 1/4"–3/8" for medium and large dogs
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Preparing Your Pet

Dogs

Gently clean the bottom of your dog's paw. If the fur is long, a little trimming may help, and be sure claws are trimmed if needed. Lightly coat the paw pads with vegetable oil so the fur and pads won't stick to the Play-Doh.

Small Dogs

This is easiest with two people. One person can hold the dog, while the other gently presses the Play-Doh container up into the paw. Lightly press each toe pad and the main pad so all pads are clearly captured. Slowly lift the paw straight out. The vegetable oil will help release it cleanly. The impression should be about 1/8"–1/4" deep.

Large Dogs

Again, two people make the process easier. Have your dog lie comfortably on the floor. One person can offer treats and reassurance while the other presses the Play-Doh container into the paw. Aim for an impression depth of 1/4"–3/8".

Cats

Vegetable oil is not needed for cats, as their paws do not stick to Play-Doh. Two people are strongly recommended. One person gently holds the cat while the other presses the container into one paw.

If working alone, carefully support your cat's shoulders and front legs from behind, keeping one leg straight as you lower the paw into the Play-Doh. Gently press the toes to ensure all pads make contact. The impression should be 1/8"–1/4" deep.

Checking Your Impression

A good impression will:

- Be centered in the container
- Have at least a 1-inch margin around it
- Show the main pad and all four toe pads
- Include claw marks for dogs (cats may or may not show claws)
- Have Play-Doh remaining beneath the impression (no bottoming out)

If the paw touches the sides or bottom of the container, or if a pad is missing, simply retake the impression. Slight differences in toe depth or spacing are natural and make each Pet-Paw unique and beautiful.

Retaking an Impression

If needed, remove the Play-Doh, knead it until soft (microwave briefly if necessary), pack it back into the container, and smooth the surface. Take your time. This should be a calm, positive experience for both you and your pet. Treats and a second pair of hands make everything easier.

A helpful tip:

Always take two impressions. Keep one as a backup in case the one you send is lost or damaged during shipping.

If you need assistance, we are always happy to help:

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Sending Your Impression

Once your impression is complete:

1. Seal the container with its lid to prevent drying.
2. Label it with your name, address, and phone number or email.
3. Store in the refrigerator (or freezer for long-term storage) until ready to ship.
4. Pack the container securely in a box so it cannot shift or be crushed.
5. Do not place any material between the lid and the impression surface.

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