

# BURRITO, PAWDICURES, & SCENT GLAND CLEANING

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## WHAT YOU NEEDED

Nail clippers, flashlight, styptic powder (Next best thing is corn starch, and if not that then flour.), and a small/medium sized towel.

## BUNNY BURRITO

**\*Use a smaller towel that you don't mind getting ruined\***

Place rabbit in the middle of the towel. Take the front of the towel where your rabbit's head is and fold it over so that it is covering the front paws. Take one side of the towel and wrap around your rabbit, then tuck in under the stomach. Take the other side and wrap around and under again. You have made your burrito! One by one you can take out each paw **gently** and start your pawdicure!

### Step 1



### Step 2



### Step 3



### Step 4



## PAWDICURE

Once you have your rabbit firmly in place, make sure you can see the quick. If the nail is darker you can use a flashlight to see where the quick ends. Make sure to leave some room in between where you are cutting and the quick. It is easier to leave more nail and need to clip more than it is to clip too much and possibly make them bleed. Once you clip too far it's too late. **Be sure to take your time and be careful!**



## IF THE QUICK IS CUT

If you cut the quick by mistake **don't panic!** This area is known to bleed a lot. Put pressure on the area with a piece from the towel or paper towel if some is nearby. Put some styptic powder on the nail and continue to apply pressure. Bleeding should stop within a few minutes if not sooner. If not, seek a rabbit savvy vet **asap!**

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## What you need for Scent Gland Cleaning:

QTIPS, PAPERTOWEL, AND WARM WATER. THIS CAN BE A VERY SMELLY AREA, PREPARE YOURSELF.

### ⚠️ WARNING ⚠️

Scent glands can VERY easily rip!! When this happens, sever damage can be caused and a vet visit is then required. If it does rip a vet is required ASAP! Extreme caution should be used if you would like to attempt cleaning their scent glands. Only clean when scent glands are packed to avoid any unnecessary damage to the area.



## HOW TO CLEAN SCENT GLANDS

For this you will need your rabbit on its back with its **head up** in a seated position. Your rabbits head **MUST** remain up at all times to **avoid** being put in a trance. Take hold of both your rabbits front and back paws securely, slowly move them into that seated position. Once in a comfortable seated position press their backs up against your stomach while you are also seated. Place one hand so that you are maintaining contact with all paws while securely holding your rabbit against you. Find the slits on either side of the anus, if the scent gland(s) are packed then proceed with **EXTREME CAUTION**. Dampen the Q-tip very well in warm water and use the dampness to soften/loosen the excretion. Place the damp Q-tip at the base of the scent gland once loosened, move upwards and out. Use each side of the Q-tip once only while always making sure to move upwards and out to clean. Never inwards towards the gland(s).

Please **NEVER** put your rabbit on its back. This can be fatal as well as causes immense stress and feeling of terror.



Being prey animals' rabbits have certain techniques they use to make themselves appear not as enticing. Once of these techniques is acting dead. When on their backs they are able to slow down their heart rate to appear dead to their attacker. This also sends them into an intense amount of fear and terror. Depending on how slowly their heart starts going they may not be able to get it back up to normal, this is fatal for them. For this reason, they are **NEVER** to be on their backs.