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Paw Print Instructions & Tips Using Creative Paperclay

At Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care we have found that Creative Paperclay is the best material for making paw prints.
- **Non- Toxic**
- **Light weight**
- **Air Drying**
- **Once dried can be painted with tempera, watercolor, acrylic, enamel, markers, etc.**

Tips:
- Check your pet's paws; if dirty, wash and dry before making a print.
- Have someone to help support your pet when the paw impression is being made.
- If you have a very energetic pet, we suggest walking or exercising before you attempt to get a paw print. Pet owners have reported s easier to do this right before bed time.

What you will need:
- Clean hands, and paws.
- Two pieces of cardboard - 8 ½ x 11 should be fine.
- Place where the paw print can dry for the next 24 hours.
- Pencil or toothpick that you can use to write your pet's name on the print.
- Have a bag for storing excess clay not used. If the clay is stored in an air tight bag it can be used later.

Steps:
1. Open clay (it dries with air).
2. Roll into ball (**4oz**) for small pet under 30 lbs, (**8 oz**) for larger pets.
3. Place ball on to one cardboard piece, then cover with another piece of cardboard and press flat (a heavy book might help with this). Your flattened clay should be about a ¼ inch thick.
4. Once flat then place card board on the floor and have your pet place one paw on the clay. This works best if they are standing. Make sure to press all their toe nails into the clay.
5. Use a toothpick or a pencil to record date and your pet's name. If you would like to create an ornament out of the paw print make a hole in the clay about a ¼ inch from the top.
6. Place the paw print in a cool dry place for 24 hours. After 24 hours the paw print will be set and dry and you can proceed with painting and decorating.