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Paws and Claws

Dogs have four legs, and each leg has a paw at the end. A paw has soft fur on top and a pad on the bottom.

The pad is the thick, bumpy part on the bottom of a dog's paw. The pads help dogs run, jump, and stop safely.

Each toe on a paw has a claw that is sharp. These sharp claws help dogs dig, grip, and hold.

Some dogs have webbed paws. Webbed means the skin between the toes is joined, like a duck's foot.

Webbed paws help dogs swim fast. Strong paws and sharp claws help dogs run, play, and dig.