

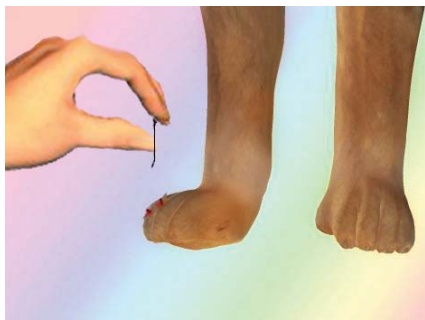
## Fishhook Injury



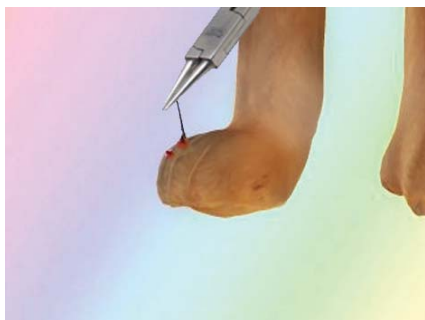
**1** Gently restrain your cat by wrapping it in a towel.



**2** If the barb of the hook has passed all the way through the flesh so you can see it use a pair of wire cutters to clip it off close to the skin.



**3** You may then gently back the hook out.



**4** If the barb has passed all the way through, use pliers to grasp the shaft and then push the barb through the skin remembering it's curved so push in the direction of the hook.



**5** Once you can see the barb, cut it off with the wire cutters and remove it as close to the skin. Then gently back the hook out.



**6** Swab the site of hook penetration with an antiseptic cleanser such as dilute iodine (3 parts water and 1 part iodine).



**7** Seek a veterinarian to make sure there is no infection.



If you believe your pet has swallowed a hook or it is in the mouth or eye take your pet to the vet.



If the hook is embedded too deeply take her to the vet and have the vet remove the hook



Most mouth wounds will heal quickly without further action



If there is a foot wound clean it a couple of times a day with gauze pads and Betadine Skin Cleanser until it heals