Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month: DIY Wire Paw Print

Last updated 2 November 2026

April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, emphasising the ongoing need for animal welfare. Wire Fence promotes awareness by creating a wire paw print designed to accompany the official emblem, the orange ribbon.



What is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month?

The ASPCA initiates Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, raising awareness about their welfare issues globally. It advocates for responsible pet ownership, fights against factory farming, wildlife trafficking, and abuse in the entertainment industry. Despite legislative efforts, challenges persist, highlighting the crucial role of education and advocacy in fostering compassion and ethical treatment of these lovely creatures.

Important Facts

- One living being suffers abuse every minute.
- Over 110 million animals are killed in U.S. laboratories each year.
- Each year, the U.K. food supply results in the slaughter of 6.4 billion creatures from land and sea.
- Dogs, cats, horses, and livestock are most frequently reported for abuse.

Sources: World Animal Foundation, Shelter Animals Count, Animal Clock, The Humane Society

DIY Wire Paw Print Step by Step

If you believe in the power of small actions to make a big difference, you can show your support for Animal Cruelty Awareness Month by wearing the orange ribbon logo. This blog will guide you through creating your own wire paw print which can be worn alongside the logo. Simply follow the step-by-step instructions provided below.

OVERVIEW

- **Experience Required:** Low
- **Tools Required:** Protective Gloves, Pliers, Wire Cutters, Glue Gun, Safety Pins, Black Paint (optional)
- **Materials Required:** Tensioning Wire, Orange Ribbon

Step 1) Gather the Materials



- Gather the materials needed for this project.

Step 2) Cut the Tension Wire



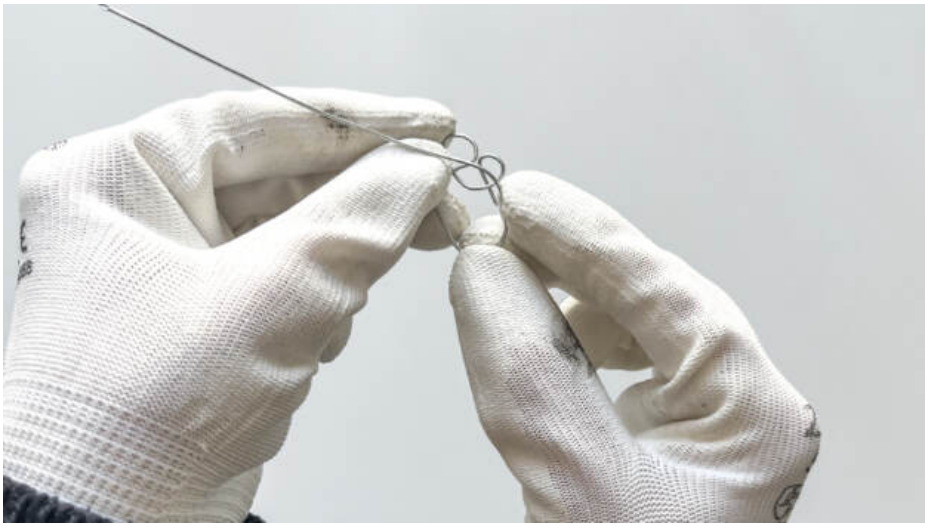
- Cut a piece of tension wire into the desired shape.

Step 3) Shape the Hooks



- Create four hooks to represent the toe beans of the paw.
- For smaller toe beans, use the narrow part of the pliers' nose. For larger ones, use the wider inside part of the pliers' nose.

Step 4) Finish the Shape



- Complete the shape by forming a larger hook, which will represent the pad.
- Cut the surplus material.

Step 5) Paint the Wire Paw Print



- Optionally, you can paint the paw any colour you'd like

Step 6) Create Ribbon Loop



- Form a loop with the ribbon and secure it with a safety pin.
- If you want to create one for your pet companion, attach the ribbon with a glue gun.

Step 7) Attach the Paw



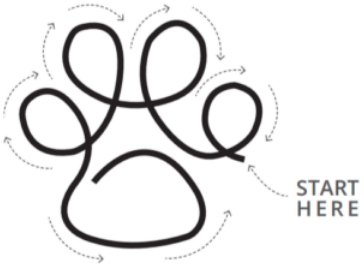
- Attach the logo to the ribbon using a glue gun.

Step 8) Finished Logo



- You can now proudly wear your finished ribbon as a symbol of animal protection!

Printable Template



- Use this template as guidelines to shape your wire paw print.
- You can download it from the top of this page

Video

Video: Watch the video on YouTube

Other Ways to Get Involved

- **Choose Ethical Products:** Opt for eggs from cage-free environments and beef from grass-fed sources to support humane farming practices.
- **Adopt from Rescues**: Adopt pets from rescue centres instead of buying from breeders or pet stores to reduce demand for pets bred in harmful conditions.
- **Report Abuse:** Report suspected animal abuse to authorities or welfare organisations.
- **Support Laws:** Advocate for animal-friendly legislation and policies to protect them from brutality and exploitation.
- **Educate:** Spread awareness about the well-being of living beings within your circle of friends and family.
- **Volunteer:** Offer time to shelters for care, socialisation, fundraising, or administrative tasks.
- **Fostering :** Provide temporary homes for shelter pets awaiting adoption to ease overcrowding.
- **Promote Spaying/Neutering:** Support responsible pet ownership by advocating for spaying and neutering to reduce overpopulation.

Organisations to Support

- For over 150 years, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has been dedicated to preventing mistreatment, rescuing abused animals, and advocating for better laws nationwide. Help support their mission by donating to create a safer, more compassionate world for them.
- The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) is a leading organisation in England and Wales dedicated to preventing cruelty, rescuing animals from harm, enforcing welfare laws, encouraging accountable care for pets. You can contribute to their vital mission by donating to help them to alleviate their suffering.
- Animal Equality UK is leading the charge against the inhumane practices of the agriculture industry. They are dedicated to saving as many beings as possible and minimising the immense suffering experienced on factory farms. You can support their essential efforts to foster a planet where all creatures are respected and safeguarded.
- Wire Fence. We donate £5 for every review we receive to our dog charity partner. Choose from any product range from outdoor dog fencing to chicken wire mesh.

- Animal Aid UK vision is a planet where animals are free from exploitation, with their rights protected by law. While striving for this long-term goal, they also campaign against all forms of abuse and promote cruelty-free living. You can help them by supporting their campaigns to end abuse.
- World Animal Protection organisation is committed to transforming the global food system and halting the exploitation of wildlife, aiming to create a new society where they live free from suffering. With your help, they can drive change worldwide for these beings.
- Together for Animals is dedicated to enhancing the welfare of animals through collective action and support. They tirelessly offer essential aid, advocacy, and care for those in need, striving to create a world where all creatures are valued and protected. With your assistance, they can transform the lives of pets and working beings in need.
- Four Paws is a global welfare organisation dedicated to protecting animals under direct human influence by exposing their suffering and rescuing them. Their vision includes a world where humans treat beings with respect, empathy, and understanding. You can contribute to creating a better living environment for these beings.
- Freedom for Animals focuses on ending the suffering of animals held captive in circuses, zoos, and aquariums, as well as those exploited in the entertainment industry, live displays, and the exotic pet trade. You can show your support for their tireless efforts by making a donation.
- Naturewatch Foundation mission is to end animal mistreatment and improve their welfare standards around the globe. Through campaigns, advocacy, and education, they strive to establish a harmonious coexistence between humans and these beautiful creatures. You can contribute to making the world a fairer place for all living creatures by joining their cause.
- The Humane League is a leading force in combating animal abuse within the food industry. Their efforts have spurred a significant wave of corporate commitments to cage-free practices, positively impacting millions of hens and advancing animal welfare standards in the industry. One donation one step closer to end the abuse of these creatures raised for food.
- Animal Free Research UK is a pioneering charity focused on promoting and funding innovative, alternative research methods to replace animal testing. By funding research projects and raising awareness, they aim to accelerate scientific progress while reducing suffering. You can help build a brighter future for humans and animals.