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Shaping Plan

Species/Individual: Eurasian Eagle Owl "Pontus"	Behaviour: Claw Clipping	Date: 25-3-2019, PG
Goal: Trainer is able to clip the claws.		
Criteria: The animal has to sit still and relax on a station, the animal lets the trainer manipulate the nails while clipping them. The animal can't sit down and the duration will be about 5 seconds for each nail.		
Signal: Vocal "Touch"		
Primary Reinforcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whole baby chickens - Mice - Various body parts - Rabbit? - Rat? 		Secondary Reinforcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gelatine

Approximations:	
Step 1:	We ask the animal on a station and wave our left hand 30 cm away from the claws.
Step 2:	We stop waving with the left hand and have the hand in front of the claws at about 20 cm.
Step 3:	Hold the left hand at 10 cm. Animal has to sit still.
Step 4:	Say the word "touch" and you touch the claw very quickly. Do all those steps with both claws from here on.
Step 5:	Extend the time touching the claws. A: 1 sec, B: 2 sec, C: 3 sec, D: 5 sec.
Step 6:	Hold one of the nails a little bit. Take another nail every time you touch.
Step 7:	Move the nail.
Step 8:	Step 7 and 6 combined.
Step 9:	Introduce the clippers. Show the clippers on a distance of 30 cm.
Step 10:	Get closer to 10 cm.
Step 11:	Step 5 but now with clippers.
Step 12:	Hold a nail with your hand and touch the nail with the clippers.
Step 13:	Step 12 and take clippers of the nail and clip in front of the nail.
Step 14:	Clip the tip of the nail.
Step 15:	Do the whole procedure.
Step 16:	Introduction to other trainers.