

DEWCLAWS

What notice do dewclaws deserve?
Unless I am confused
there is no purpose that they serve,
nor are they ever used.

Well up on forelegs two are found,
with one above each paw.
They're placed too high to reach the ground,
like some designer's flaw.

They can't be used to dig or fight,
much less to scratch a flea.
There is no task for which they're right,
as far as I can see.

Nor can they be explained away,
which causes me to quip
I worry most on nail trim day;
They add two more to clip.

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