

Why my furniture?

Why do cats scratch at the fabric or wood of your furniture? Why does the dog chew the table leg?

Cats scratch at anything whether it is a tree in the garden or your newly upholstered suite. They do this to sharpen their claws, but this isn't like a butcher sharpening his knives. What happens is that the action strips off the old worn out claw sheath to reveal the new claw beneath. Cats only use this action on their fore paws, chewing off the rear ones with their teeth. Another reason for the action is exercising and strengthening the internal retraction muscles. They are also scent marking – an important function in the cat world. Purchasing a cat scratching post can stop the problem. If you place it on the favourite scratching place or place a top of yours over it, then it will encourage the cat to use it.

Dogs chew the furniture when they are bored, usually when they have been left on their own for an elongated length of time. Leaving your dog with a Kong toy can be the answer. One of the unique features of many of the Kong range is that they can be stuffed with food or treats and either given straight away to your pet or frozen to make the job more challenging – ideal if your pet is being left for a time. This can help prevent damaging separation problems and can be a way to make your pet work for its food, stimulating mental health.