



# Pet Care Guide Cat Behaviour Problems

## SCRATCHING FURNITURE

It is natural for cats to want to scratch and climb. Scratching and climbing are highly enjoyable feline activities which help stretch out the cat's muscles and also remove old layers of nail. It is important to provide your cat with a variety of scratching posts and teach him to use these instead of furniture and carpet.

You can help train your cat to use a scratching post by confining your cat to one area that has a variety of scratching and climbing posts to use. The most effective method of teaching your cat to use a post is through lures and rewards. Praise and reward your cat for using the correct items for scratching.

If you catch your cat clawing anything other than his post, immediately startle him with either a spray of water or a sudden loud noise. The area the cat is scratching should be covered with foil and a scratching post placed right next to it. Continue to reward your cat with pats and treats when he begins using the scratching post. Your local Just For Pets store has a wide selection of scratching and climbing posts in stock.

Be aware that sometimes scratching furniture and carpet can be a sign of stress. Ask your Just For Pets sales assistant for advice if you believe your cat may be scratching due to stress.

