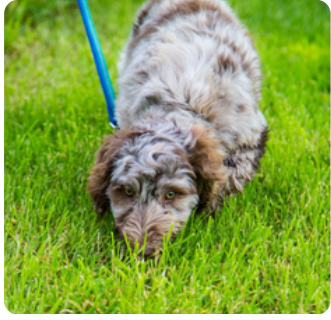


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Bella

Scratching is a natural behaviour for cats. It can help them maintain their claws and leave scent marks to communicate with other cats. Bella isn't necessarily being "naughty" by scratching the sofa; she just may not have an appropriate place to express this behaviour. Providing a suitable scratching area and encouraging Bella to use it can help meet this need. Simply telling her off or stopping her without offering an alternative may not address the root cause of her behaviour.

Zeke

Dogs need opportunities to **exercise, explore, and use their senses**, particularly their sense of smell. A garden can be a useful space, but it doesn't necessarily provide all the opportunities a dog needs to experience new places, smells, and environments. Zeke's owner could consider appropriate ways to give him more opportunities to walk, sniff, explore, and play. This could include more varied walks, sniffing or scent games, and activities that encourage him to search for or work for food, such as a suitable puzzle feeder or Kong. Providing these opportunities can give Zeke **physical exercise and mental stimulation** and allow him to engage in natural behaviours. What is suitable will depend on the individual dog and their needs.

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Eric

Rabbits need **enough appropriate space and opportunities to carry out natural behaviours**, including moving around, hiding, digging, foraging, and exploring. Their environment should provide them with choices and opportunities to feel safe and to express these behaviours. **Rabbits are also social animals and need the company of their own kind.** A suitable rabbit companion is an important part of meeting their social needs, alongside providing an appropriate environment.