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TRIXIE 4309

TRIXIE Cat Scratcher Pole with Play Ball - Model 4309 User Manual

1. Introduction

Welcome to your new TRIXIE Cat Scratcher Pole. This product is designed to satisfy your cat's natural scratching instincts while protecting your furniture. It features a durable sisal scratching surface and an attached play ball for added entertainment. Please read this manual carefully to ensure proper setup, use, and maintenance of your cat's new scratcher.





Figure 1: TRIXIE Cat Scratcher Pole with Play Ball. This image shows the complete scratcher pole, highlighting its sisal-wrapped post and the attached toy ball.

2. Safety Instructions

- Always place the scratcher on a stable, flat surface to prevent tipping.
- Regularly inspect the scratcher for any damage, loose parts, or excessive wear to the sisal or fabric. Replace if significantly damaged.
- Keep the product away from open flames, heaters, and other heat sources.
- This product is intended for pet use only. Keep out of reach of small children.
- Do not allow your pet to ingest any parts of the scratcher.

3. Package Contents

The TRIXIE Cat Scratcher Pole package includes:

- 1 x Scratcher Pole with Sisal Wrapping and Fleece Base
- 1 x Attached Play Ball Toy

4. Setup Instructions

The TRIXIE Cat Scratcher Pole is designed for immediate use with minimal setup required.

1. Carefully unpack all components from the packaging.
2. Place the scratcher pole on a flat, stable surface in an area easily accessible to your cat.
3. Ensure the base is firm and the pole does not wobble when touched.
4. The attached play ball is pre-assembled and ready for your cat to enjoy.



Figure 2: Example of a cat interacting with a scratcher pole. This image illustrates how a cat might engage with the sisal post and the attached toy.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1 Encouraging Use

Place the scratcher in a prominent area where your cat frequently spends time or near furniture they tend to scratch. You can encourage your cat to use the scratcher by gently rubbing catnip on the sisal surface or by dangling the attached toy to attract their attention. Positive reinforcement, such as praise or treats when they use the scratcher, can also be effective.

5.2 Understanding Scratching Behavior

Cats scratch to sharpen their claws, stretch their muscles, and mark their territory through scent glands in their paws. Providing a dedicated scratching surface like this pole helps redirect these natural behaviors away from household items, preserving your furniture and providing an appropriate outlet for your cat's instincts.

6. Maintenance and Care

6.1 Cleaning

- **Sisal Post:** Use a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment to remove loose fur, dust, and debris from the sisal wrapping.
- **Fleece Base:** Wipe down the fleece-covered base with a slightly damp cloth. For tougher spots, use a mild pet-safe cleaner and then wipe with a clean, damp cloth.
- Do not use harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or immerse the product in water.

6.2 Inspection

Regularly check the sisal wrapping for wear and tear. If the sisal becomes heavily frayed, detached, or if the pole becomes unstable, consider replacing the scratcher to ensure your cat's safety and continued enjoyment. Inspect the attached toy for any signs of damage that could pose a choking hazard.

7. Troubleshooting

7.1 My cat is not using the scratcher.

- **Location:** Try moving the scratcher to a different location. Cats often prefer scratchers in prominent areas or near their sleeping spots. Place it near furniture your cat currently scratches.
- **Attraction:** Use catnip spray or sprinkle dried catnip on the sisal surface to make it more appealing. Play with your cat near the scratcher using the attached toy or other favorite toys to associate the scratcher with positive experiences.
- **Stability:** Ensure the scratcher is stable and does not tip over easily. Some cats dislike unstable surfaces.
- **Preference:** Some cats have preferences for scratching material or orientation (vertical vs. horizontal). While this is a vertical sisal scratcher, observe if your cat prefers other types.

8. Specifications

Brand:	TRIXIE
Model Number:	4309
Material:	Sisal, Fleece
Dimensions (L x W x H):	Approx. 10 x 10 x 50 cm (3.9 x 3.9 x 19.7 inches)
Weight:	Approx. 1.26 kg (2.78 lbs)
Mounting Type:	Floor Mount
Recommended Use:	Indoor
Special Features:	Attached Play Ball, Easy to Use

9. Warranty and Support

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