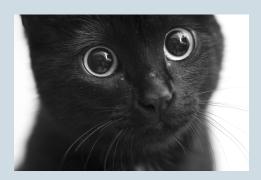


# Secret Language of Cats

Did you know your cat is talking to you every day? Not just with a "MEOW", but with their eyes, ears, whiskers, and tail! Read on to learn more about the secret language of cats.

### **EYES**



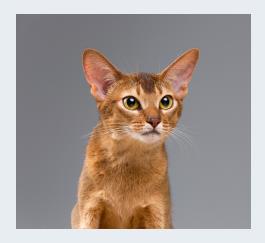
Wide-open eyes mean your cat is feeling friendly, curious, or excited. Half-closed eyes mean your cat is relaxed.

Slit eyes and narrowed pupils say your cat is feeling stressed, scared, or angry. They want to be left alone!

Staring says your cat is feeling bossy.

Slow blinks are a sign of love. If you receive one, return the love with a slow blink that says: "Back at you"!

### **EARS**



Forward ears say that your cat is content. They might even want to play.

Straight up or twitching ears say that your cat is on alert. Maybe they are on a mission... by keeping their ears straight, cats can hear what they need to make a great pounce.

Sideways and backwards ears that look like they're in "airplane mode" mean your cat is ready to "take off". Your cat may be feeling anxious or ready to defend itself. Let your cat find a hiding space until it feels safe to come out.

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### WHISKERS



Whiskers to the side mean your cat is relaxed and happy. Use the opportunity for a petting session!

Fanned forward whiskers is a sign that your cat is on the prowl and ready to play. Their cheeks will also appear to puff up.

Pulled back whiskers are a sign of fear. Your cat is trying to look smaller and should be left alone.

## TAIL



A high, curved tail says your cat is in a friendly mood. A little twitch or a slight curve can mean your cat is asking you to hang out or play.

A loose swishing tail says your cat is concentrating on something. You might see this before your cat pounces on toys or food.

Tight whipping tail says that your cat is "getting riled" and maybe it is a good time to stop playing so your cat can calm down.

If your cat crouches with their tail tucked or lowers their tail or wraps it around themself, they want to be left alone.

If their tail is raised and puffed out like a pipe cleaner, your cat feels "backed into a corner" and will try to scratch or bite what comes close.

If they curve their tail around you or one of their fellow pets, that is a sign of friendship!

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