

Understanding Cat Body Language

Happy/relaxed cat body language





Relaxed body posture, upright tail with a curved tip, ears in a natural position, closed mouth, and natural eye shape.



Interacting with guardian, relaxed face, upright tail with a curved tip,

and body in vertical position.





Relaxed, stretched out body, lying down, with belly exposed, mouth closed, eyes relaxed and partly closed, and ears in a natural position.





Relaxed, sitting body posture, loose, relaxed tail, closed mouth, natural eye shape, and ears in a natural position.

Worried/anxious cat body language





Crouched, tight body posture, with head lowered, tail tucked and held closely to the body, ears turned sideways, large pupils, and tense facial expressions.





Hiding is a natural behaviour for a cat that is feeling worried or anxious.

Angry/unhappy cat body language



Lying flat to the ground, slightly on one side, flat, drawn back ears, large pupils, tense face with open mouth and showing teeth.





Standing slightly sideways with an arched back, raised hair, tense face, tail, and posture, open mouth, showing teeth, flat, pointing outward ears, and raised paw.