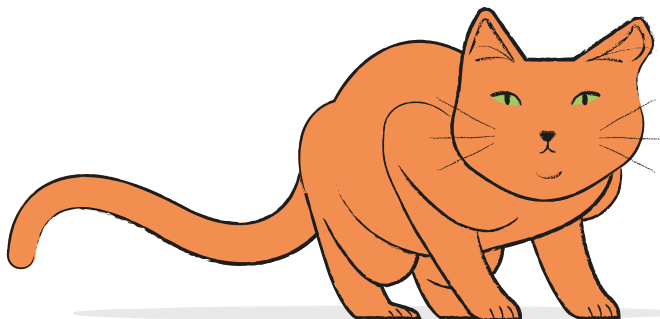
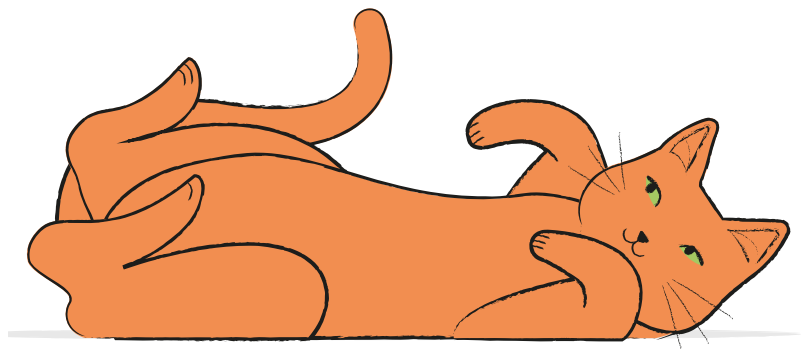


Cat body language

A handy guide to some common cat body postures. How many have you seen your cat do?

Social roll

Your cat may do this as a greeting behaviour when you approach them – it doesn't mean they want you to rub their tummy though!

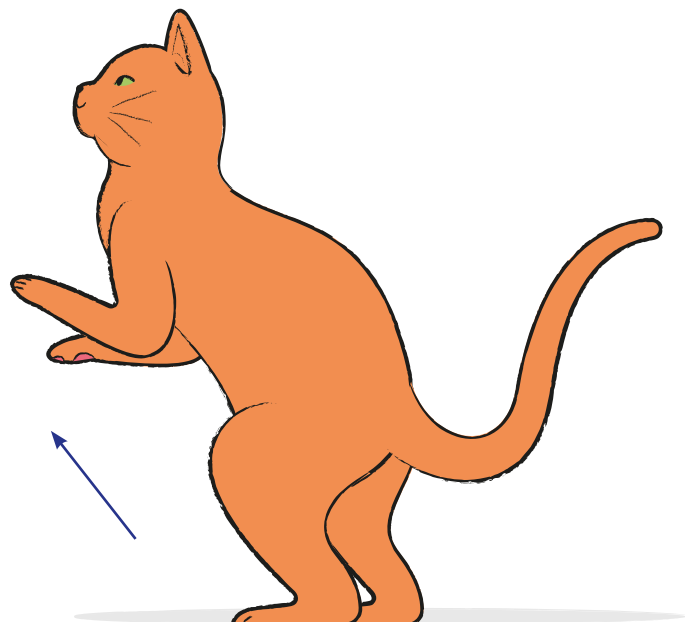


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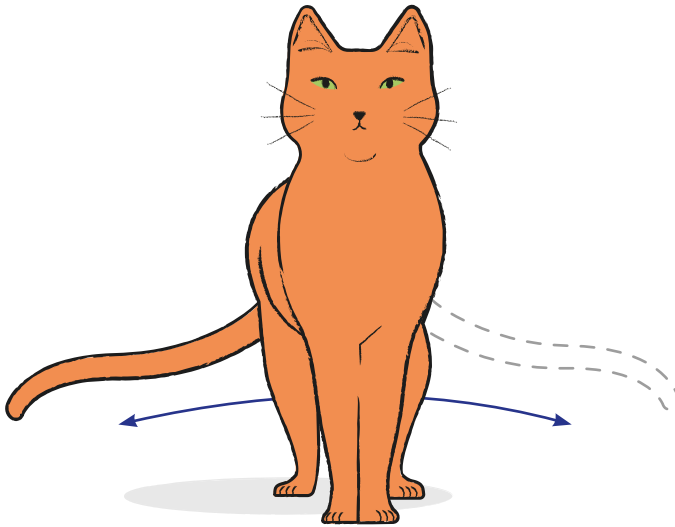
Your cat is worried about something and ready to run. Can you identify what they're worried about and remove it?

Hop-up

Your cat may 'hop-up' onto their back legs to meet your hand when you come home and give them a fuss. It's a greeting behaviour, enjoy it!



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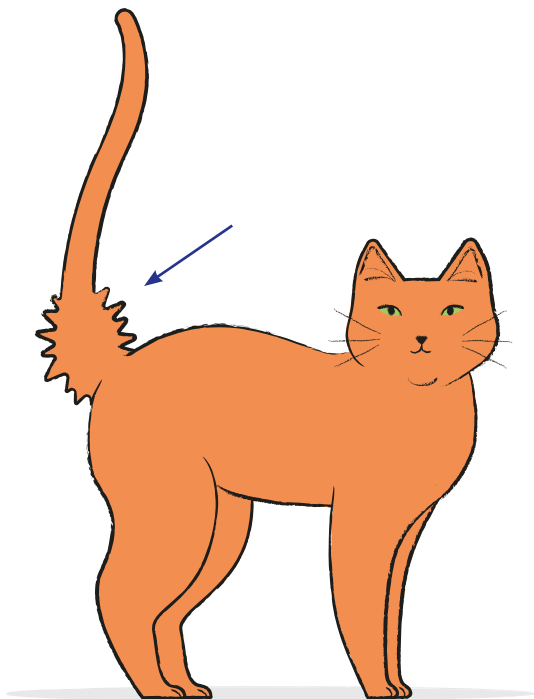
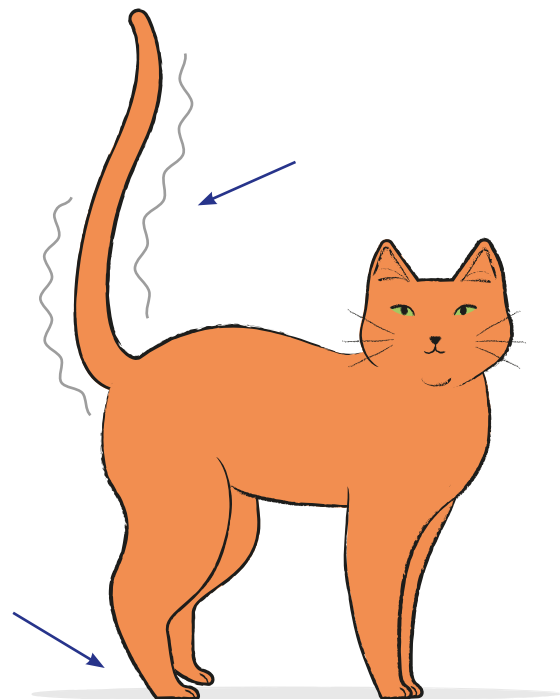


The mid-tail wag

Your cat will move their whole tail from side-to-side, level with their body. Combined with pacing, this can mean they're feeling indecisive!

Tail quiver

This is a similar action to when a cat sprays urine, but in this instance they do not spray. With the tail quiver, the cat may pad their feet. In some situations it can be a greeting behaviour. They're excited to see you!



Piloerection at tail base

Often associated with excitement around handling (although it can be a result of exposure to other stimuli), this is a sign that your cat is highly aroused (although not sexually). It could also mean your cat is overstimulated so you may want to reduce handling as it could lead to them nipping or biting you.

If you have any concerns about your cat's health or behaviour, please consult your vet