

## Feline behaviour – visual guides

# Why does my cat...?

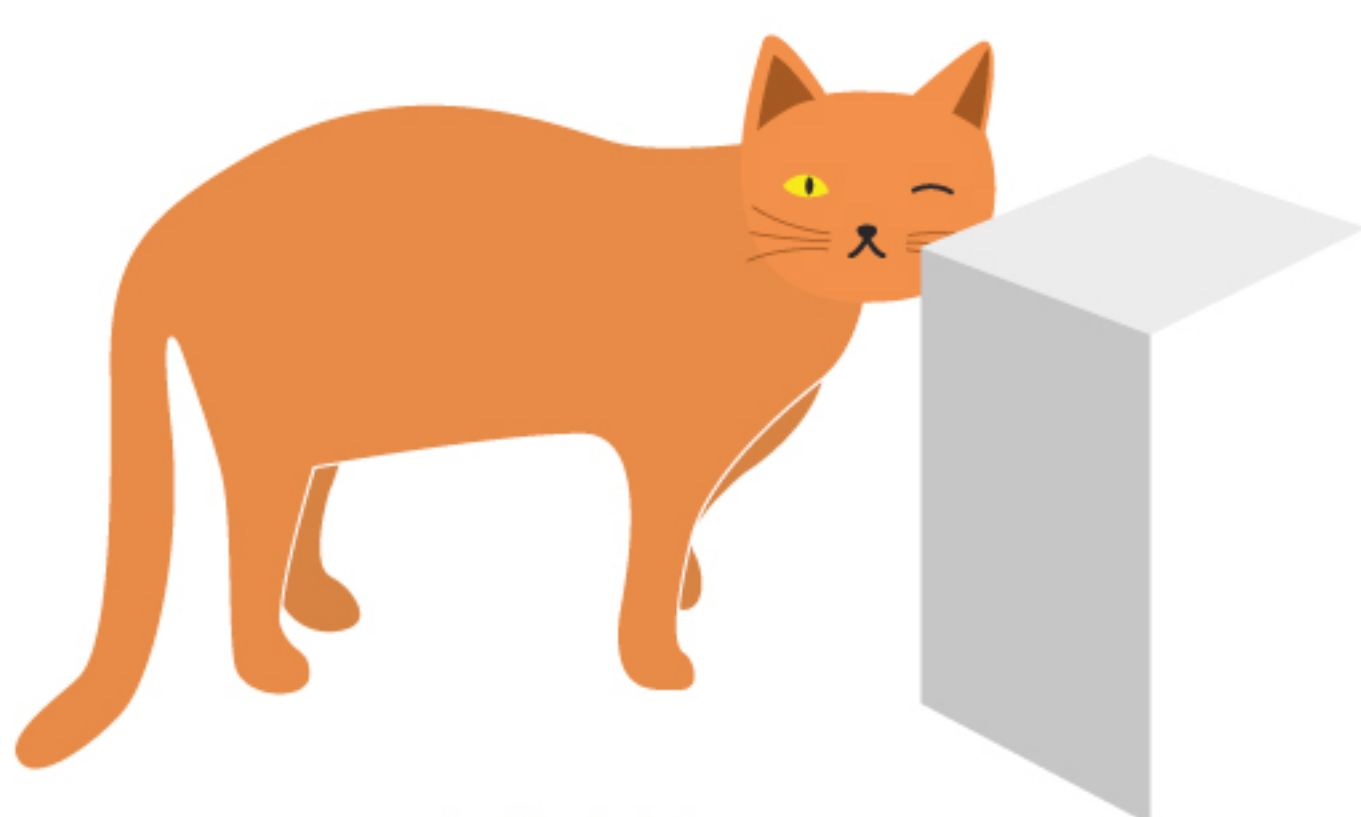


Have you ever wondered why your cat does certain things?  
Here's our guide to a few common behaviours.



### 1. Spraying

Male or female cats may spray, whether neutered or not. There are lots of motives for spraying including sexual reasons, stress (if indoors) or normal scent marking (if outside).



### 2. Rubbing

Cats regularly rub scent (pheromones) from their cheeks on objects in the environment. This scent reminds them it's a safe place. If a cat rubs their forehead against you (it looks like a head butt or can be called 'bunting') a different scent is released that means 'you're my friend'.



### 3. Kneading or pawing

This is a behaviour left over from kittenhood when they used the same action to stimulate milk from their mother's teat. As adults, it means they're feeling content.



### 4. Slow blink

Slow blinking. If a cat slowly closes their eyes and reopens them while looking at you, they're relaxed in your presence and saying 'hello'. Try slow blinking back!



### 5. Flehmen's response

This is a way that cats collect extra scent information through a scent organ in the roof of their mouth.

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