

5 facts about... cat ears



1. Each ear contains 32 muscles

Cats can rotate each of their ears 180 degrees and move them independently from each other, to help them work out which direction a sound is coming from.

2. They use their ears to communicate

The position of a cat's ears can tell you a lot about what they're feeling. For example, flattened ears indicate that they are stressed or scared.

3. Cats have excellent hearing

Cats can hear higher and lower frequencies than humans and dogs can, which helps them detect even the smallest of prey.

4. Cats' ears have pockets and furnishings

The small folds of skin found inside cats' ears are called 'Henry's pockets', while the tufts of fur inside their ears are called 'ear furnishings'.

5. All cats are born deaf

Kittens are born with their ear canals and eyes sealed, meaning they're deaf and blind, but they open by the time they're a few weeks old.