What is my cat saying?



Tail straight up
Happy to see you. A friendly hello.

Tail puffed up
Startled or scared. Give some space.

Tail tip twitching
Focused or getting annoyed.

Tail wrapped around body
Calm and settled, or a little unsure.

Ears forward
Curious and interested.

Ears flat and sideways
Worried or upset. Back off gently.

Slow blink
Relaxed and trusting. Try blinking back!

Belly up
Very relaxed. Not always a belly-rub invite!

Kneading paws
Content and comfy.

Crouched low, tail tucked
Scared. Let them hide and calm down.

Look at the whole animal and what is going on around them. This chart is a friendly guide, not veterinary advice. If behavior changes suddenly, ask a vet.

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