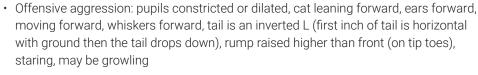
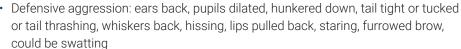
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Feline Fear, Anxiety, and Stress



SEVERE SIGNS - FIGHT/ AGGRESSION (FAS LEVEL 5)







SEVERE SIGNS - FLIGHT/FREEZE/FRET (FAS LEVEL 4)

- Flight: actively trying to escape, pupils dilated, ears back, whiskers back, tail down
 and bottle brushed, fleeing, turning to look at stimulus
- Freeze/Fret: tonic immobility, dilated pupils, body flattened and tense, tail tucked, increased respiratory rate, ears back, staring, whiskers back



MODERATE SIGNS (FAS LEVEL 2-3)

Ears further to the side, more pupil dilation but not completely dilated, increase
in respiratory rate, brow furrowed, looking at stimulus instead of looking away, tail
tight to body, possible tip of tail moving some, whiskers back, body crouched and
leaning away



MILD/SUBTLE SIGNS (FAS LEVEL 1)

 Avoids eye contact, turns head away without moving away, partially dilated pupils, head held just slightly down, slight brow furrowing, whiskers slightly back, ears partially to the side, body shifted slightly away, tail closer to body with possibly some slight flicking



 Looking directly but not intensely, tail up and winding, mouth closed with loose lips, ears perked forward, whiskers forward, slight pupil dilation



RELAXED (FAS LEVEL 0)

- Sleeping
- Neutral: ears in neutral position, brow soft, eyes soft, mouth closed with relaxed lips, body loose, tail carriage U-shaped, pupils normal dilation
- Friendly greeting: tail up and winding, may elevate rear end slightly by standing on toes, ears neutral, forward, or slightly back, might have squinty eyes, brow relaxed, might cheek mark or rub on person or object

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