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Signs of Fear & Anxiety in Cats

STRESSED CAT		RELAXED CAT
dilated pupils; eyes may be wide open, alert	EYES	normal-sized or slightly dilated pupils; eyes may be partially closed
flattened against the head or pulled out to the side	EARS	natural position; forward or slightly to the side
open or closed; hissing, growling; whiskers flattened back	MOUTH	closed; no visible teeth; whiskers relaxed and fanned out
tense; crouched or low; back arched; raised fur along the back; legs tight to body	BODY	relaxed and loose posture with a flat back; legs stretched out
tucked; wrapped around body; puffed-up; thumping or thrashing	TAIL	upright or neutral position; soft curve; gentle back-and-forth movement