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Us cats, we've got all kinds of ways
To tell you what we're feeling
And while our meows might turn your head
Inside our minds are reeling

So many thoughts, so much to say
Without words we're in anguish
So today let's teach you humans
How to read cat body language!

The first thing you should look out for
Is kitty ear position
Forward means we're feeling good
And harbor no suspicion

Backwards means we're feeling scared
Or threatened by a foe
Even if that frightful thing
Can't hurt us (as you know)

Fur standing up remains a sign
That we're quite fearful too
But towards each other it may mean
A fight's about to brew

If our legs are tucked beneath us
And our eyes are gently closed
You can bet we're in a state
Of contentment and repose

Eyes wide and round means curious
Or engaged in active play
But if they're narrowed into slits
It's best to walk away!

We hold our tension bottled up
In our shoulders and our back
So if you see our shoulders raised
We're upset - that's a fact

These are just some of many ways

We cats communicate
So stay alert and give us space
And we'll get along just great!

Howdy folks! It's me Raptor reporting live from 1809 Magazine with the latest and greatest kitty care tips, tricks, and tools of the trade! Today I want to let you humans in on a secret: us cats are experts at communication! You know some of our classic ways to talk to you - those rumbly purrs and loud meows, kneading paws or flicking tails are all some of our go-to ways to show you what we need or how we're feeling. But we've got a ton of other types of body language that we use every day, and now you can learn to decipher it for yourself! This can sure be helpful when it comes to recognizing when we're distressed, in pain, wanting attention (the MOST IMPORTANT thing you need to know!!), or even when trying to bring us to the vet. A calm and happy kitty means a calm and happy human, after all! So next time your cat does something odd or unexpected, look for some of these tell-tale body language clues to help you figure out what we're trying to tell you!

Over and out,
Raptor