



## Vocalisation

- Meowing in a mournful and long meow
- purring

## Attitude and mental capacity

- withdrawn and potentially aggressive
- Will not have normal behaviours occurring such as grooming

## Movement and control

- trembling which may be present with or without handling or interaction
- flinching and reactivity to soft touch

## Facial Expression

- Ears pulled apart or flattened
- Eyes partially open or squinting
- Muzzle looks taut and tense
- Head lowered

## Guarding and self protection

- Guarding and/or biting at an area
- Tensing abdomen or restraining movement when examined
- Hissing, swatting, biting and scratching handler

## Posture

- Often still, remaining unmoving for prolonged period of time
- Will sit with Sternum on surface. Head tucked under or laying flat. May have a tucked up appearance if curled up

## respiratory and heart rate

- Short rapid shallow breaths
- Heart rate will be elevated