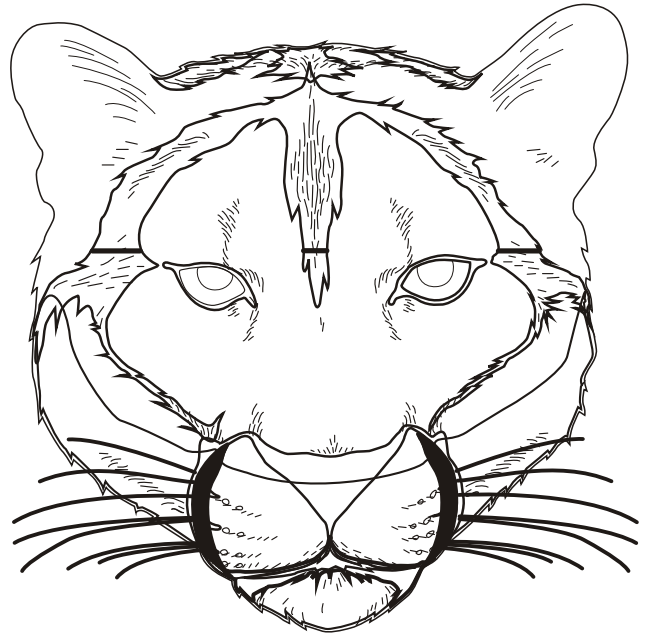


Talking Cats?

Your house cat purrs when it is happy, hisses when it's mad and meows to get our attention. All cats vocalize to communicate but that is not the only way they speak to each other. If there is another cat in the house, your kitty will use body posture to show the other cat how it feels. Ears laid back on the head says "Don't come near me."

Pumas talk to each other through facial expressions, body posture, and vocalizations such as purring, growling, hissing and screaming.

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Try Talking Cat: Try talking to your house cat through eye contact only. Sit quietly where your cat can see you. Very slowly, close and open your eyes a few times, ending the conversation with your eyes almost closed. You are saying, "I'm no threat, relax." Your cat should talk back to you with the same eye movements.

List the ways your cat communicates: Study your cats reactions to strangers, other cats, unusual noises. Watch their body posture and listen for vocalizations.

Recognition: Has your cat ever thought you were a stranger? It has a reason to be confused at times. Cats never change clothes. They don't cut their hair or wear scented perfumes. They rely on their own body perfume to tell each other apart.

Pumas recognize each other by smell or scent, not by faces recognition like humans. They mark their territory by scratching their scent onto trees and the ground, using scent glands in their feet as well as spraying urine.