

Here’s why cats hate belly rubs so much

<p>Notes & Cues:</p>	<p>Article:</p> <p>WHY DOES MY CAT DRINK FROM THE FAUCET?</p> <p>Some cats find running water interesting, and prefer its taste to still water, according to Debra Zoran, an internal medicine specialist.</p> <p>It may also be that elevated areas, such as the kitchen sink, “make them feel safe, ” Lena Provoost, an animal behaviorist, says by email.</p> <p>WHY DO SOME CATS DISLIKE BELLY RUBS?</p> <p>Hair follicles on the belly and tail area are hypersensitive to touch, so petting there can be overstimulating, Provoost says.</p> <p>“Cats prefer to be pet and scratched on the head, specifically under their chin and cheeks, ” where they have scent glands, Provoost says.</p> <p>Rubbing their faces on fellow felines “allows them to mix their scent together, ultimately culminating in a ‘colony scent’ in order for them to recognize who belongs in their group.” They greet us in the same way.</p> <p>Overall, “the best advice is to read your cats’ body language, ” Provoost says.</p> <p>Zoran agrees, adding each cat is an individual with their own likes and dislikes, and they are “not afraid to tell us what they prefer.”</p>
<p>Summary:</p>	