



Pruritus prompts cats to groom excessively and/or scratch using the hind limbs. A healthy cat, free from pruritus, spends about 1 h per day grooming (normal grooming behavior) and scratches around 1 min. per day.

Please read carefully (from the bottom to the top) the behavioral descriptors on the right and left side and mark on both lines how much your cat licks/scratches, on average, over 24 h.

How much LICKING?

Nonstop or nearly nonstop licking

My cat over-grooms even during the visit and/or hides constantly. Licking results invariably in hair loss and often includes skin lesions.

Intense and prolonged licking

My cat wakes up and/or stops eating/playing to licking, and/or hides very often. Licking induces hair loss very frequently.

Moderate licking

My cat often hides and wakes up sometimes to grooming but never stops eating or playing to do so. Licking often results in hair loss.

Frequent and protracted mild licking

My cat never grooms while eating, sleeping or playing. It occasionally hides. Licking seldom results in hair loss.

Mild and episodic licking

My cat grooms more than it used to. Licking never results in hair loss.

Healthy cat: licking up to 1 h a day

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How much SCRATCHING?

Nonstop or nearly nonstop scratching

My cat scratches even during the visit and/or hides constantly. Scratching results invariably in skin lesions.

Intense and prolonged scratching

My cat wakes up and/or stops eating/playing to scratching, and/or hides very often. Scratching results in skin lesions very frequently.

Moderate scratching

My cat often hides and wakes up sometimes to scratching but never stops eating or playing to do so. Scratching often results in skin lesions.

Frequent and protracted mild scratching

My cat never scratches while eating, sleeping or playing. It occasionally hides. Scratching seldom results in skin lesions.

Mild and episodic scratching

My cat scratches more than it used to. Scratching never results in skin lesions.

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Healthy cat: scratching up to 1 min. a day