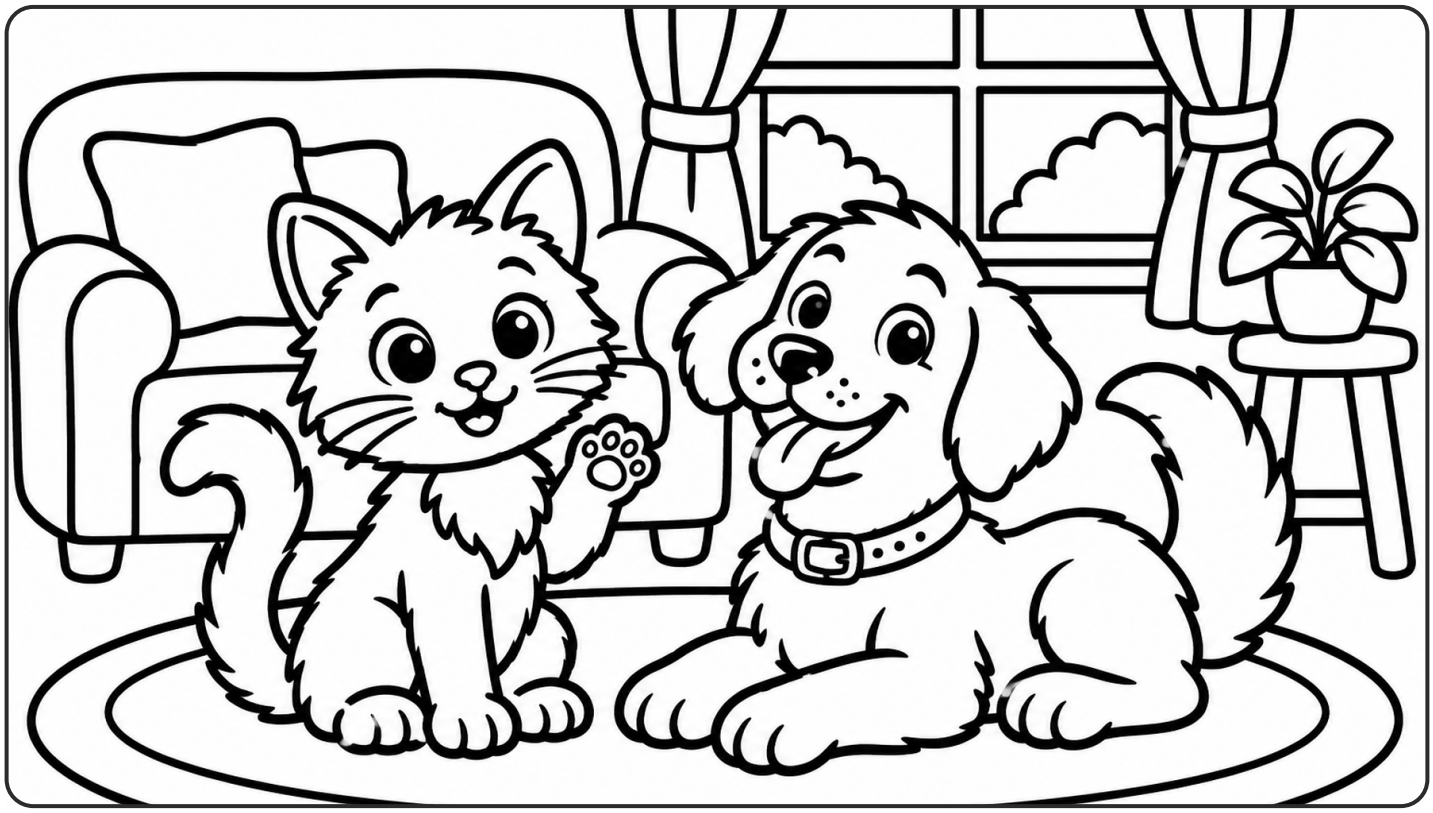
Why do cats and dogs fight?

Woof! Hiss! Why do cats and dogs fight?



Why?

1. **Tails talk.**
   Cats and dogs don't talk with words. They talk with their bodies, with their tails, their ears, and how they hold their heads.
2. **A wag means different things.**
   When a dog is happy, it wags its tail. But when a cat swishes its tail hard, from side to side, it often means, I'm grumpy! So a happy dog wags at a cat, and the cat thinks, uh oh, that dog is mad!
3. **Chasing is fun for the dog, not the cat.**
   Lots of dogs love to chase things that move. So when a scared cat runs away, the dog may chase it, just for fun. But the cat isn't having fun at all!

Try it! Watch the tail

You need: a grown-up and a friendly cat or dog

1. Next time you see a dog or a cat, look at its tail.
2. Is it wagging, or swishing?
3. Always ask a grown-up before you pet an animal.

What happened? Tails talk!

Video + more questions:
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