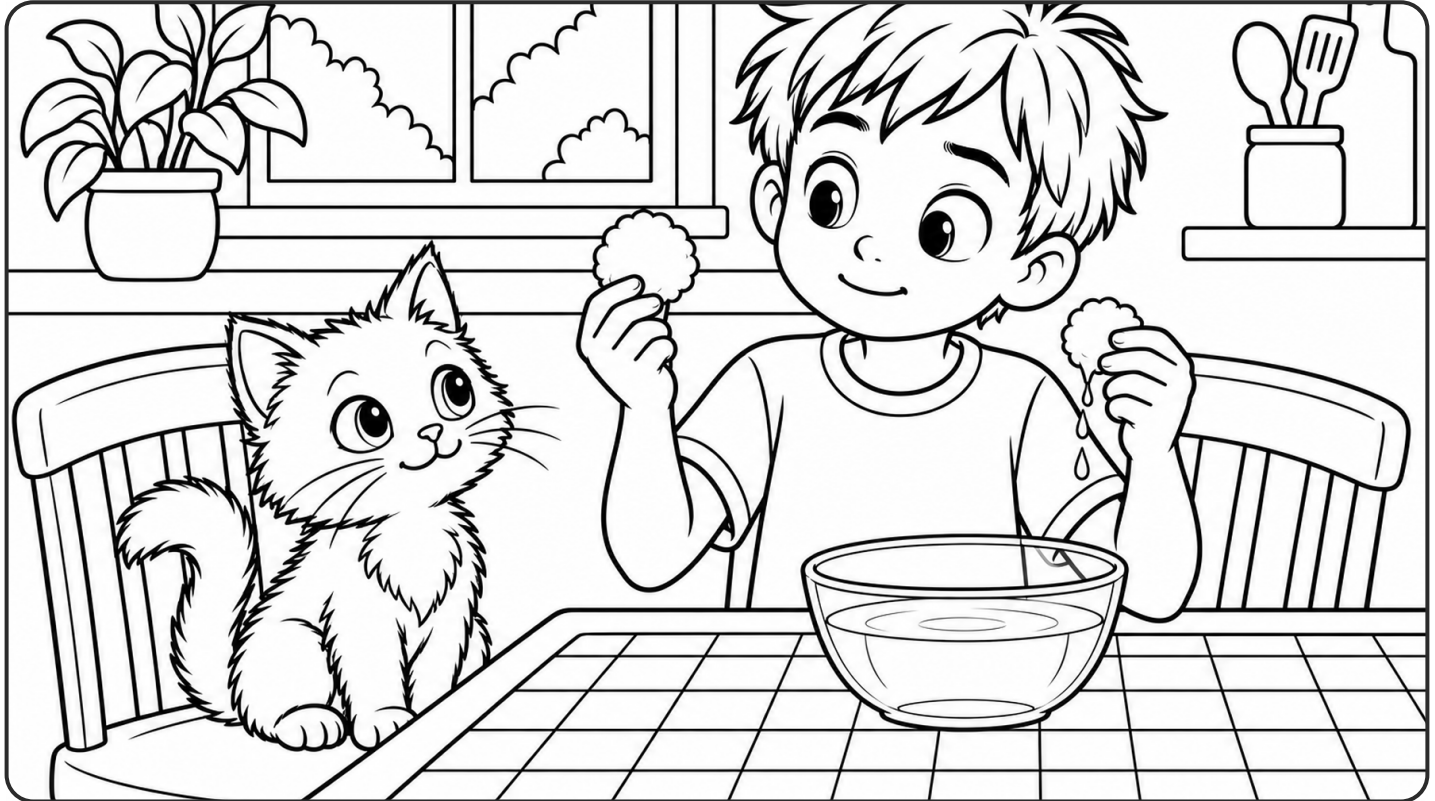


Why do cats hate water?



Have you ever seen a cat near a bath? It jumps away, fast! Most cats do not like getting wet. Why do cats hate water?



Why?

1. Wet fur soaks up water, like a sponge.

A cat's fur is soft and fluffy, and it keeps the cat warm. But when it gets wet, it soaks up water.

2. Wet fur is heavy.

It sticks to the body, and makes it harder to run and jump. A cat likes to be quick and light on its feet!

3. Wet fur is cold, for a long time.

Wet fur dries very, very slowly. And while it dries, the water takes heat away from the body. So a wet cat feels cold, for a long time.

Try it! Wet fur, dry fur

You need: two cotton balls and a bowl of water

1. Dip one cotton ball in water.
2. Hold one in each hand. Which one is heavier?
3. Which one stays wet for a long time?

What happened? That is how wet fur feels to a cat!

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