

Is My Cat Crazy?

Feline hyperesthesia syndrome explained

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Running around the house at top speed. Tail chasing. Licking and grooming. These all are natural feline behaviors. But some cats perform these activities in an almost frantic way, as if they are possessed. They appear to be in distress and don't have normal, pleasurable reactions to running, playing or grooming. This behavior can leave cat owners wondering: Is my cat crazy?

Rest assured: Your cat isn't crazy. But it might be suffering from an ailment called Feline Hyperesthesia Syndrome, or FHS.

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