

# TAIL ANATOMY 101

The feline tail is an extension of the spine, consisting of what are known as coccygeal, or caudal, vertebrae. The first tailbone is connected to the sacrum, a wedge-like bone at the base of the spine. The next caudal vertebrae become smaller along the length of the tail. Between them are tiny joints and disc pads, much like those that cushion the spine. The tail, however, is more mobile than the spine, able to bend and flex more easily. Muscles, blood vessels and nerves are also part of the tail's anatomy.