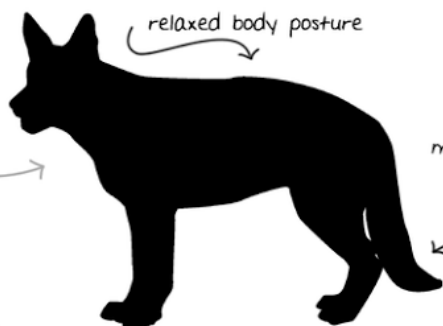


# DOG TO ENGLISH TRANSLATION CHART

This is the dog you'll want to pet. He's calm, neutral, and relaxed. There is no tension in his body and he's probably panting happily and waiting for you to come over and just say "hi".



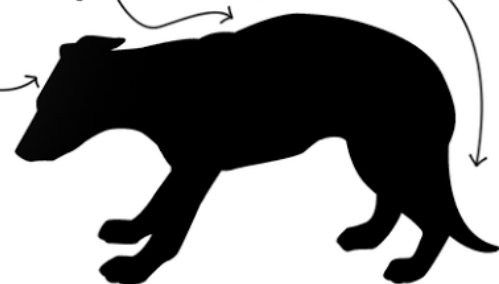
**CALM & NEUTRAL**

This dog is uncomfortable or doesn't know what's going on. It's best not to pet him.

tail low, tip may wag

leaning back or turning the body

ears back



**ANXIOUS & NERVOUS**

It's usually safe to pet a relaxed dog, but make sure he hasn't fallen asleep!

ready to just fall asleep

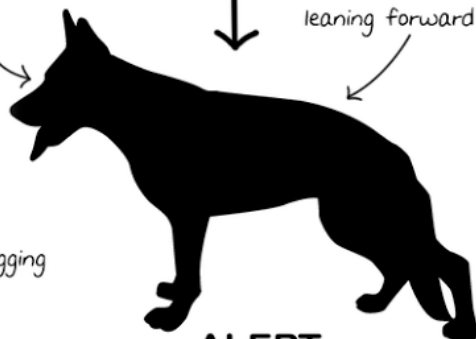


**RELAXED**

He may just be really interested in what's going on.

ears are forward, mouth may close

leaning forward



**ALERT**

may be bouncing into this position

tail wagging

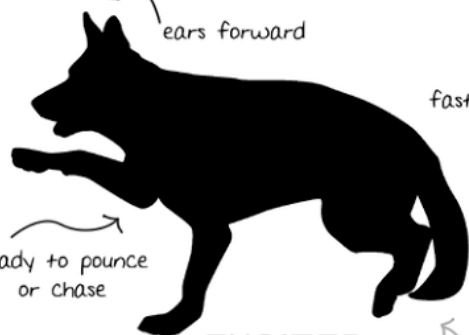


**PLAYFUL**

The Play Bow

"Oh, please, throw the ball!"

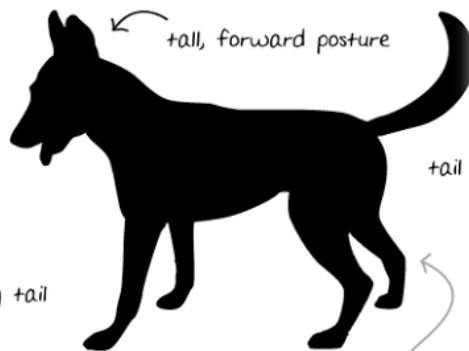
ears forward



**EXCITED**

fast wagging tail

ready to pounce or chase



**DOMINANT**

Toward another dog: "I'm in charge!"

no hackles

stiff posture

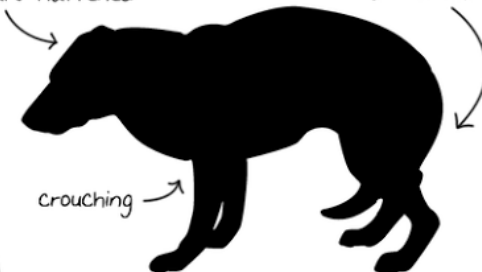


**AGGRESSIVE**

Don't run away from an aggressive dog. Stand still ("be a tree") and look away.

ears flattened

tail tucked



**FRIGHTENED**

This dog may bite to "defend" himself.

crouching

paws tucked in

tail tucked in



**SUBMISSIVE**

"I give up, don't hurt me" pose

You'll mostly see this behavior when two dogs interact, but a dog that was abused or is really scared may do it as well.

# TALKING DOG

Dogs communicate using body language more than they do vocally. Here's a quick guide to get a good idea of what your dog is telling you. Look at the whole of the dog: head, face, body and tail to get a more accurate idea of what the dog is saying.

## FEARFUL / ANXIOUS / STRESSED

**In all cases, respect the dogs need for space and offer signs of appeasement and peace:** See the Doggy Dos and Don'ts poster

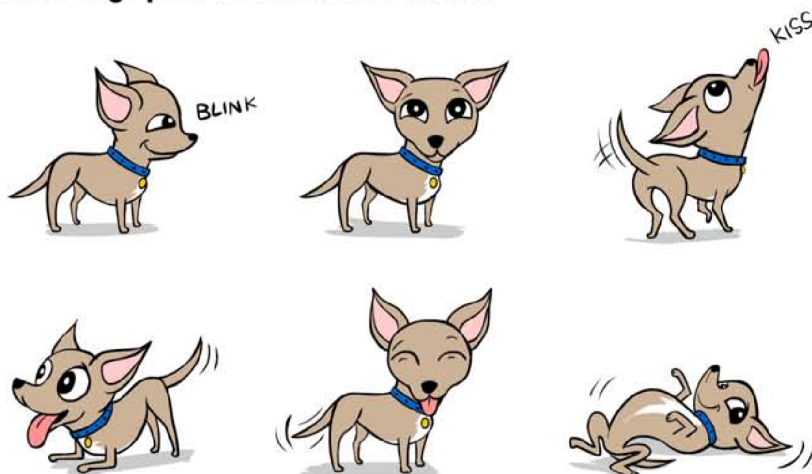


If not read correctly, stress, anxiety and fear often lead to behaviour commonly termed "aggressive", as the dog attempts to make it clearer that they are uncomfortable: raised hackles are a sign of fear:



## CONTENT / HAPPY / SOCIAL

**These dogs pose no immediate threat.**



### TAIL POSITIONS

tucked



in line with spine



high and rigid



low and wagging slowly



### TAIL POSITIONS

relaxed




high and wagging quickly



casually at 45 degrees



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