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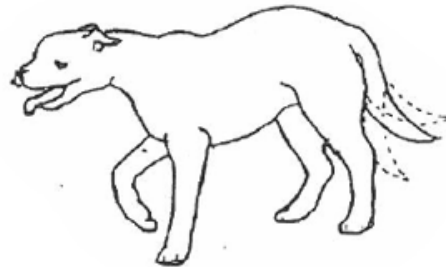
Canine Body Language

Similar to humans, dogs communicate their emotions through body language. These pictures will help you understand what your dog may be trying to say to you.



"I'm friendly, but please be gentle!"

- Belly exposed
- Tail wag
- Relaxed ears
- Face and lips relaxed



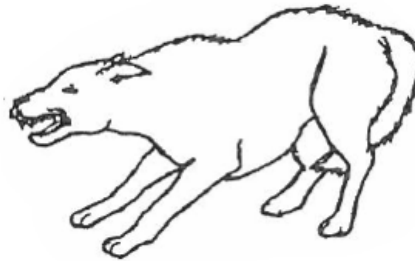
"Hi, let's be friends!"

- Low, loose tail wag
- Ears relaxed
- Face and lips relaxed
- Loose, wiggly body



"Will you play with me?"

- Tail in neutral position, wagging
- Loose, wiggly body
 - Ears pricked
- Face and lips relaxed
- Rear up in a "play bow"



"I'm scared! Stay away!"

- Ears flat back
- Tail tucked between legs
 - Fur along back raised
- Tense body leaning backward
- Teeth bared, possibly growling



"Stay away from me!"

- Ears up and forward
- Tail held high and tense, possibly vibrating
 - Fur along back raised
- Tense body leaning forward
- Teeth bared, possibly growling