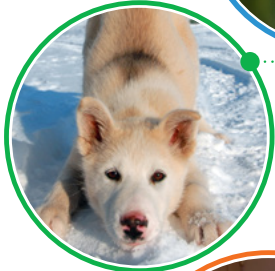


# Dogs Body Language Quick Cheat Sheet



## Calm and Relaxed

- Body:** Relaxed posture
- Tail:** Relaxed, wide sweeping or circular wag
- Ears:** Relaxed
- Eyes:** Relaxed, small pupils at the center
- Mouth:** Relaxed, mouth closed or opened slightly



## Playful

- Body:** Play bow, front legs on ground with butt up
- Tail:** Up and wagging
- Ears:** Up
- Eyes:** Pupils dilated
- Mouth:** Open or closed



## Alert

- Body:** Standing tall posture, hackles up
- Tail:** Horizontal
- Ears:** Perked up, forward and high on head
- Eyes:** Wide open
- Mouth:** Closed and quite



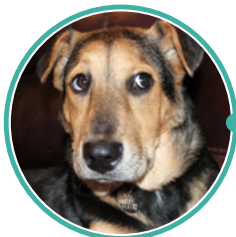
## Dominant

- Body:** Stiff posture, hackles may be raised, mounting
- Tail:** High and stiff or wagging
- Ears:** Perked up, high on head
- Eyes:** Wide open
- Mouth:** Closed or possible growling



## Aggressive

- Body:** Stiff posture, hackles may be raised
- Tail:** High and stiff wagging
- Ears:** Held up and back
- Eyes:** Wide, whites of eyes visible (whale eye)
- Mouth:** Growling, lips curled, teeth visible



## Fearful or Anxious

- Body:** Trembling or covering
- Tail:** Tucked or low and slowly wagging
- Ears:** Tilted back or flattened
- Eyes:** Avoidance, whites of eyes may be visible
- Mouth:** Yawning, licking lips