

Body Language and Signs of FAS in Dogs



Relaxed	Anatomy	Stressed
Soft; loose	Face	Skin taut; wrinkled brow; lips pulled back; tense jaw
Almond shape; normal pupils; soft eye	Eyes	Dilated pupils; prolonged staring or avoiding eye contact; whale eye
Neutral; back, but not flattened; loose	Ears	Out to the side; flat against head
Flexible neck to tail	Spine/Posture	Rigid and/or stiff
Level with topline; slightly above or below; wagging	Tail*	High above topline; tucked; wagging
Mouth open or closed; lips—long, soft, commissures relaxed	Mouth	Mouth closed; lips—short, tense; snarl; lip lift; bite



*Curly, docked tail—evaluate in light of what is typical for that breed