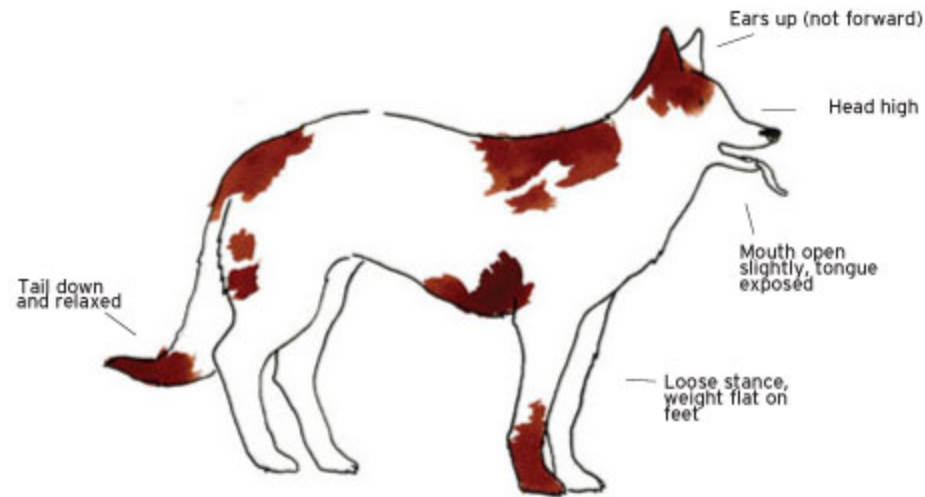


Canine Body Language

Relaxed, Approachable Dog



- Loose Stance, weight evenly distributed on all 4 paws
 - Head high
 - Ears up
- Mouth relaxed, slightly open, tongue may be exposed
 - Tail relaxed, down or usual curve



Relaxed, approachable Beagle

- Loose Stance, weight evenly distributed on all 4 paws
 - Head high
- Mouth relaxed, slightly open, tongue may be exposed
 - Tail relaxed, down or usual curve



Relaxed, Approachable Belgium Shepard

- Loose Stance, weight evenly distributed on all 4 paws
 - Head high
 - Ears up
- Mouth relaxed, slightly open, tongue may be exposed
 - Tail relaxed, down or usual curve



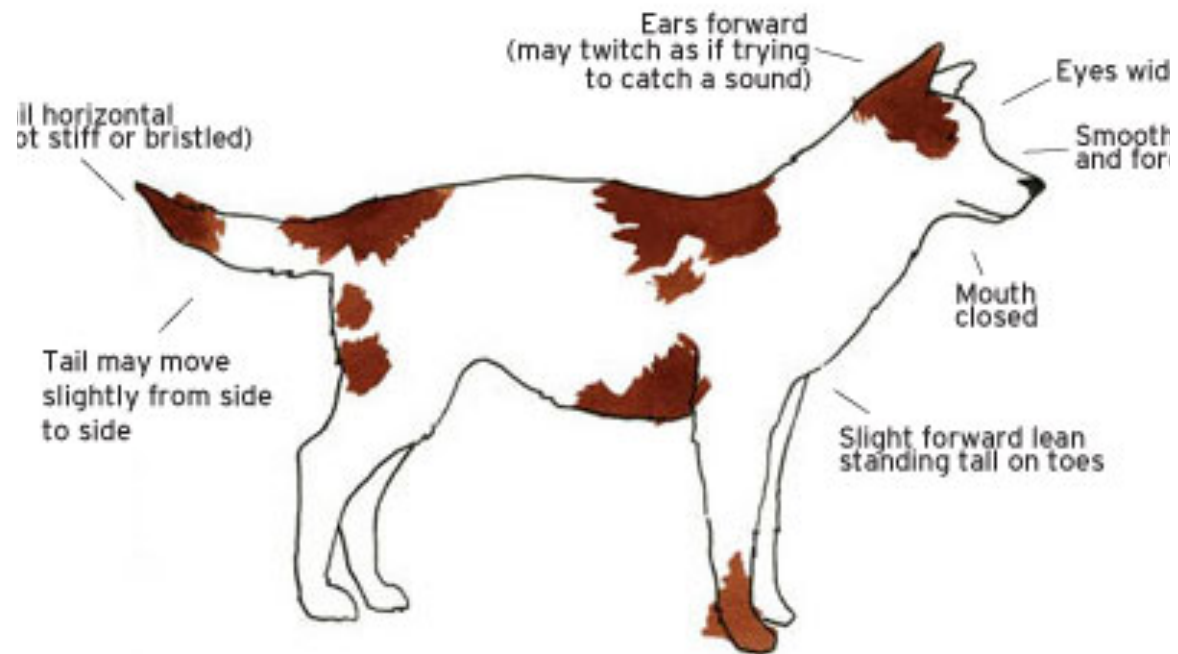
Relaxed, Approachable Bernese Mountain Dog

- Loose Stance, weight evenly distributed on all 4 paws
 - Head high
 - Ears up
- Mouth relaxed, slightly open, tongue may be exposed
 - Tail relaxed, down or usual curve



Relaxed, approachable brindle

- Loose Stance, weight evenly distributed on all 4 paws
 - Head high
 - Ears up
- Mouth relaxed, slightly open, tongue may be exposed
 - Tail relaxed, down or usual curve



Alert Dog

- Stance with forward lean
 - Ears forward
 - Eyes wide
- Smooth nose & forehead
 - Mouth closed
- Tail horizontal, may move side to side



Alert Retriever

- Stance with forward lean
 - Ears forward
 - Eyes wide
- Smooth nose & forehead
 - Mouth closed
- Tail horizontal, may move side to side



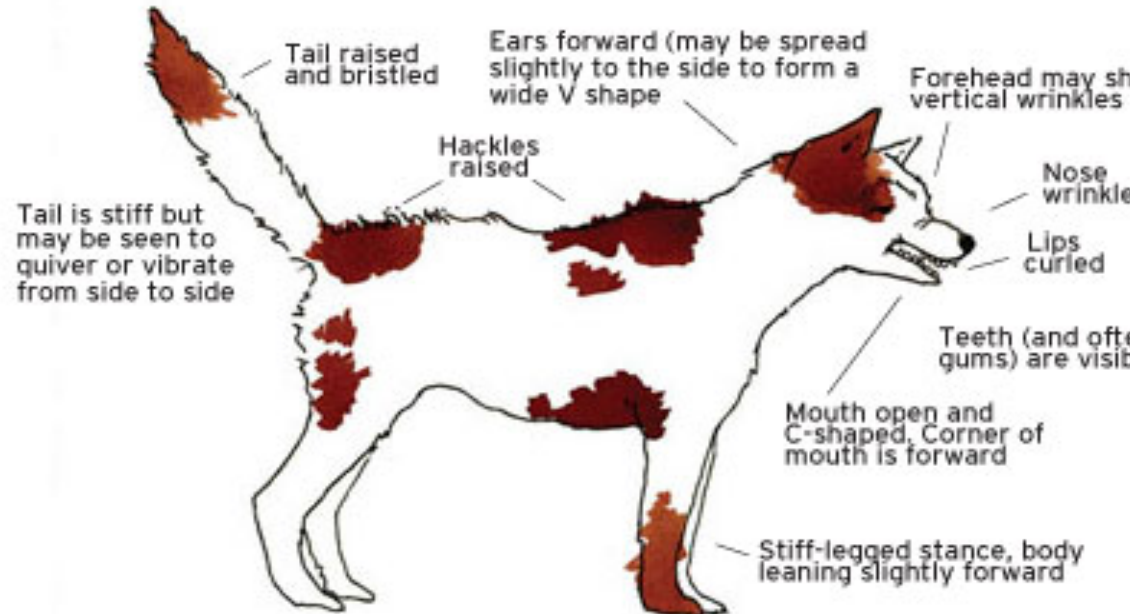
Snow Alert!

- Stance with forward lean
 - Ears forward
 - Eyes wide
- Smooth nose & forehead
 - Mouth closed
- Tail horizontal, may move side to side



Alert Beagle

- Stance with forward lean
 - Ears forward
 - Eyes wide
- Smooth nose & forehead
 - Mouth closed
- Tail horizontal, may move side to side



Confident Threatened Dog

- Stance is stiff, body likely leaning forward
- Head & ears forward, may look like a wide V
 - Nose & forehead wrinkled
- Mouth open & C shaped, lips curled, teeth visible
 - Hackles up
- Tail raised, stiff, may or may not move



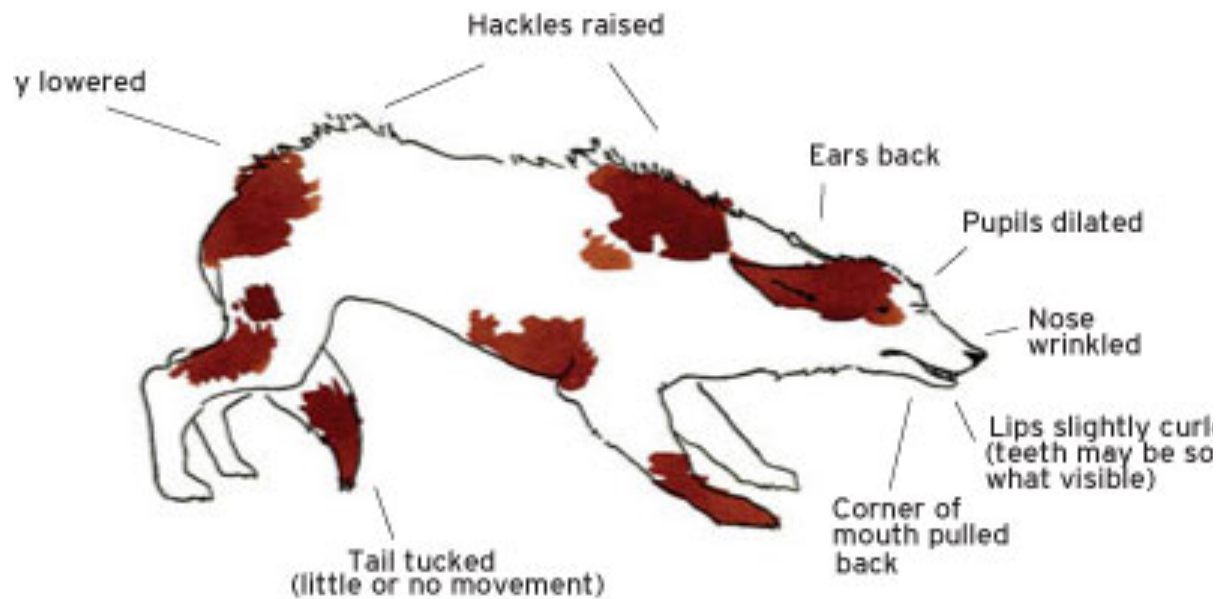
Confident, threatened dog

- C shaped mouth
- Visible teeth & gums
- Wrinkled nose
- Ears forward



Confident threatened puppy!

- Stance is stiff
- Head & ears forward, may look like a wide V
 - Nose & forehead wrinkled
 - Lips curled, teeth visible
- Tail raised, stiff, may or may not move



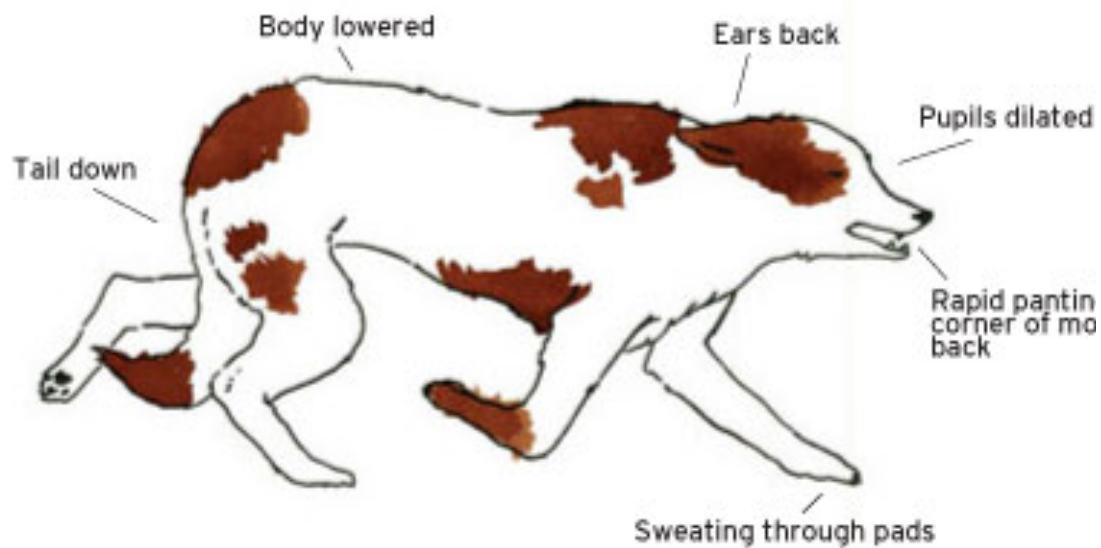
Fearful, Threatened Dog

- Stance is stiff, body lowered
- Head down, ears back, pupils dilated, nose wrinkled
- Lips stiff, curled possibly exposing teeth
 - Hackles up
 - Tail tucked
 - Faces threat
- NOT SUBMISSIVE, WILL ATTACK



Fearful, threatened Fluffy

- Stance is stiff, body lowered
- Head down, ears back, nose wrinkled
- Lips stiff, curled possibly exposing teeth
 - Hackles up
 - Tail tucked
 - Faces threat
- NOT SUBMISSIVE, WILL ATTACK



Stressed Dog

- Body stance is lowered, possible sweaty paw pads
- Head down, ears back, pupils dilated (whale eyes)
 - May look away from perceived threat
- Mouth open, corners pulled back slightly, may be rapidly panting or drooling
 - May tongue flick
 - Tail down



Whale Eyes

- Pupils dilated
- Whites visible
- Note ears are back



Whale Eyes & Tongue Flick

- Pupils dilated
- Whites visible
- Ears back



Stressed Pittie

- Body lowered
 - Ears back
- Nose & forehead smooth
 - Tongue flick
 - Tail down



Look Away during hug

- Ears back
- Whale Eyes



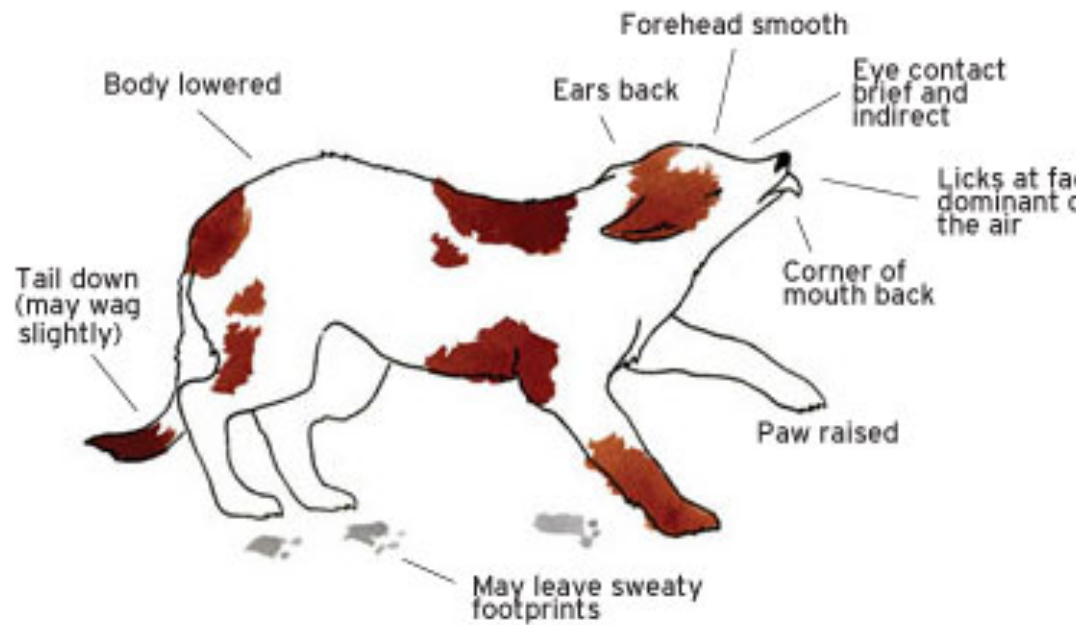
Lean Away during hug

- Tongue Flick



Stressful Hug

- Ears back
- Tongue Flick
- Look away & attempted lean away
- Tail down



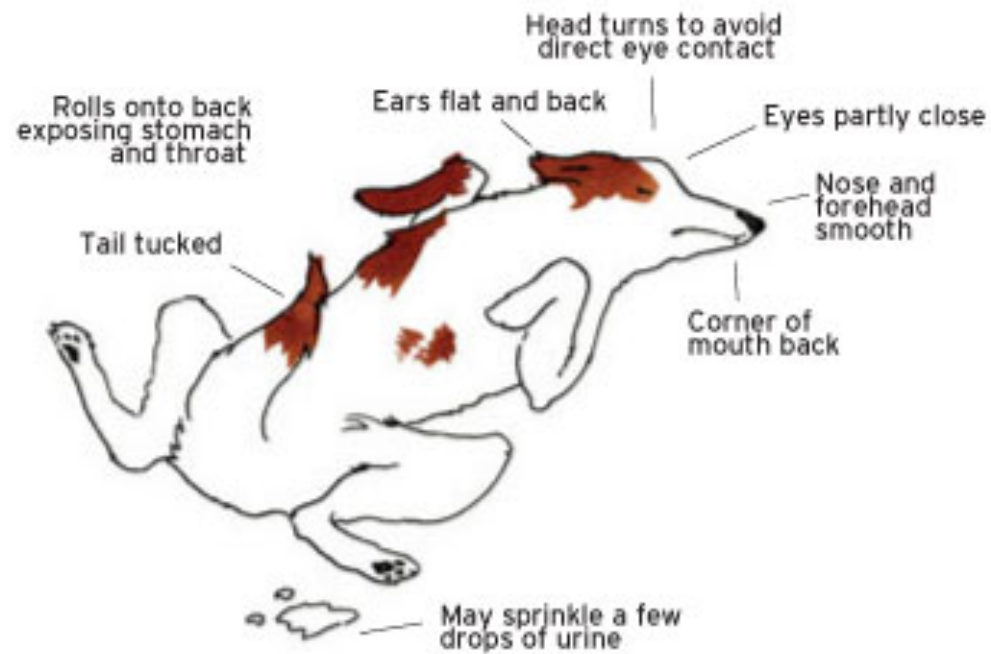
Worried, Anxious Dog

- Stance is lowered
- Ears back, forehead & nose smooth
- Tongue flick, corners of mouth are back
 - May raise paw, leave sweaty prints
 - Tail down



Worried Street Dog

- Body lowered
- Head down, ears back
- Smooth forehead & nose
- Corners of mouth back
 - Tail down
 - Raised Paw



Total Appeasement, Submissive Dog

- On back, exposed stomach
- Head turned away, ears back
- Eyes partially closed, forehead & nose smooth
- Corners of mouth pulled back
 - Tail tucked
- May be incontinent of urine



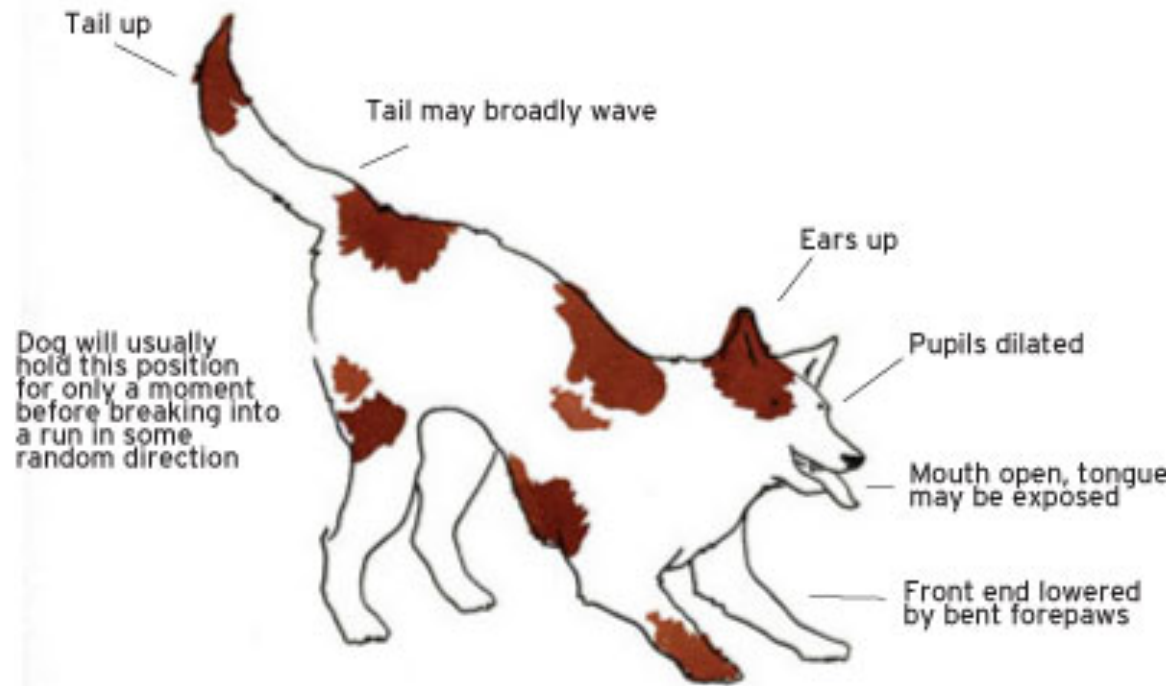
Appease the big dog

- Stomach exposed
- Whale eyes
- Ears back
- Tail being tucked?



Total Submission

- On back
- Stomach exposed
- Eyes partially closed
- Nose & forehead smooth
 - Ears back
 - Tail tucked



Playful Dog

- Front end lowered/rear end up
 - Ears up
 - Pupils dilated
 - Mouth open
- Tail up, may wag or wave



Playful Shiba & BMD

- Front end lowered/rear end up
 - Ears up
 - Mouth open
- Tail up, may wag or wave



New Friends

- Front end lowered, beginning stages
 - Ears up
 - Mouths open
 - Tails up



Big Dogs at Play

What do you think?



What do you think is happening in this picture?

Describe both dogs.



Cuteness Overload?

NOT at all! Danger! Danager!







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Who's the big dog?



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