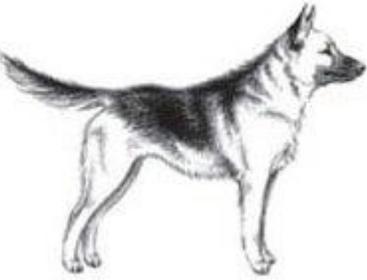
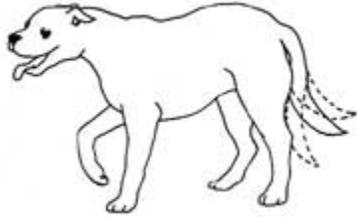
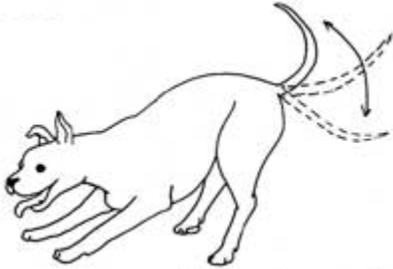


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Understanding Dog Body Language

<p>Dominant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head is raised • Ears are held erect or pointing forward • Eyes are wide open and are fixed in a hard stare • Mouth is closed or just slightly open • Body posture is tall; hackles may be raised • Tail is stiff, held straight up or out behind body and may be fluffed • Dog may give a low growl or grunt 	
<p>Fearful</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head is lowered • Ears are flattened • Eyes are narrowed and dog avoids eye contact • Lips may be pulled back to show teeth • Dog is crouching, shivering, or trembling • Tail is tucked between legs • Dog leaks or dribbles urine 	
<p>Aggressive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears are pulled close to the head • Eyes are fixed in a stare • Mouth may be pulled back and teeth bared • Body is raised up and tense with hackles raised on neck and/or back • Tail is held erect and is fluffed up. • Dog snarls, growls, or barks, loudly 	
<p>Anxious</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears are held partially back or are fluttering up and back • Eyes are narrow • Head is turned away • Mouth may be closed with teeth slightly exposed • Body is tense and slightly lowered • Tail may be slightly lowered • Dog may give a low whine • Dog may shed 	

<p>Friendly Curious Eager Excited</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears are perked up • Face has an alert expression, with eyes wide open • Mouth is open and relaxed, perhaps in a "smile" • Body is relaxed • Tail is raised and wagging • Excited short, high barking or whining, whimpering, or yapping 	
<p>Playful Happy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears are relaxed or perked up and held forward • Eyes are wide open and sparkling • Mouth is relaxed; dog may be panting excitedly • Body is relaxed or in a playful bow, with front end lowered and rear end raised and wiggling • Dog is bouncing and jumping up and down, running forward then backward, or circling • Tail is wagging 	
<p>Submissive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears are held down and/or back • Eyes are narrowed or wide open • Lips are pulled into a "grin" • Dog nuzzles or licks another dog or a person • Body is lowered • Dog may lie on back with underbelly exposed • Tail is held between legs • Dog leaks or dribbles urine • Dog seems worried, may whine or whimper 	

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