

Dog Behavior

| DOG BEHAVIOR | |
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| <p>Attentive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears up • Eyes moving, not fixed • Lips relaxed • Head up • Hair down • Weight equally distributed • Tail stiff & horizontal • Tail moving slowly as aroused • Non-verbal | <p>Playful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears up • Eyes moving • Lips relaxed • Hair down • Leaning back, weight shifted to rear • Front foot may wave at target • Tail wagging high, broad, fast • Animated, exaggerated, bouncing movements • May pant, bark, or whine |
| <p>Aggressive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears forward at first, out & down as escalates, back when attacking • Eyes fixed, staring at target • Lips raised, mouth slightly open • Nose wrinkled • Head high • Hair raised over rump & back of neck • Leaning forward, weight shifted to front • Body stiff, tense • Front leg may point at target • Tail stiff & high over back, tip may quiver • May growl, snarl & bark | <p>Submissive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears down • Eyes down • Lips down, retracted horizontally • Head down • Hair down • Leaning back, weight shifted to rear • Tail may wag horizontally, hang down, or be tucked close to body • May whine |
| <p>Passively submissive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears down • Eyes down • Lips down • Hair down • Head down • Lying on side or back • Tail tucked close to body • May urinate | <p>Fearful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears back & down • Eyes wide open & fixed • Mouth open slightly • Head down • Hair raised over neck • Leaning back, weight shifted to rear • Tail tucked tight under abdomen • May tremble & defecate • Makes fast moves if threatened • Looks for escape route • Whines |

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