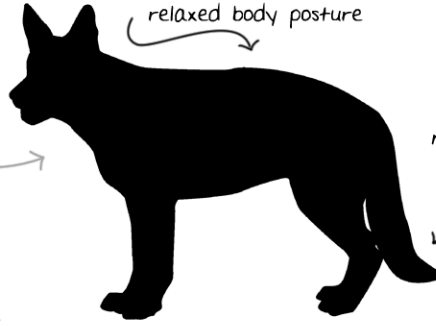


# DOG TO ENGLISH TRANSLATION CHART

This is the dog you'll want to pet. He's calm, neutral, and relaxed. There is no tension in his body and he's probably panting happily and waiting for you to come over and just say "hi".

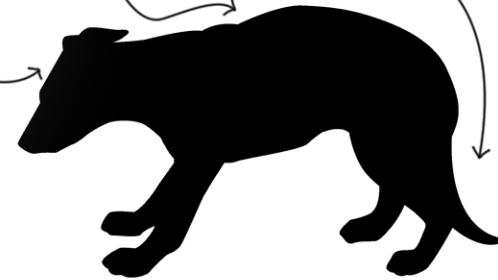


**CALM & NEUTRAL**

This dog is uncomfortable or doesn't know what's going on. It's best not to pet him.

leaning back or turning the body  
tail low, tip may wag

ears back



**ANXIOUS & NERVOUS**

It's usually safe to pet a relaxed dog, but make sure he hasn't fallen asleep!

ready to just fall asleep

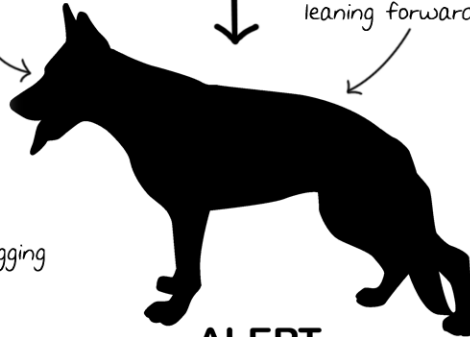


**RELAXED**

He may just be really interested in what's going on.

ears are forward, mouth may close

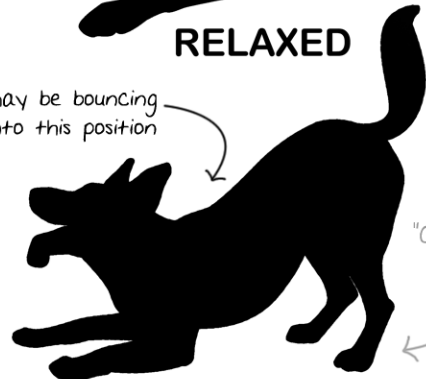
leaning forward



**ALERT**

may be bouncing into this position

tail wagging



**PLAYFUL**

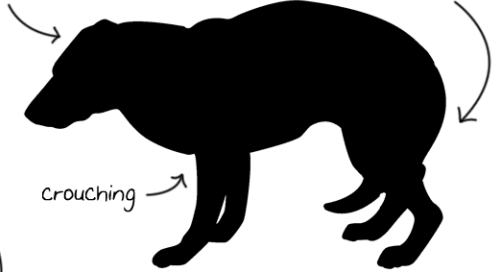
The Play Bow

"Oh, please, throw the ball!"



ears flattened

tail tucked

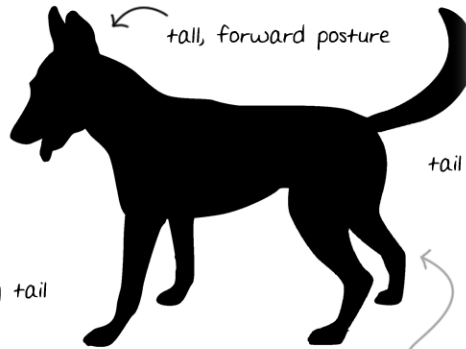


**FRIGHTENED**

This dog may bite to "defend" himself.

crouching

tail held high



**DOMINANT**

Toward another dog: "I'm in charge!"

paws tucked in

tail tucked in

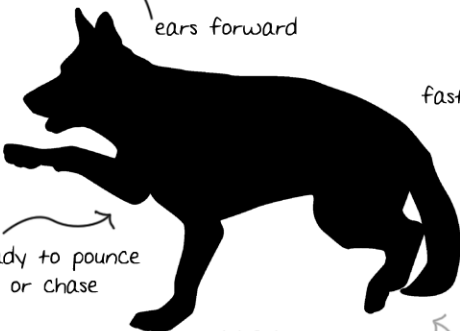


**SUBMISSIVE**

"I give up, don't hurt me" pose

ears forward

fast wagging tail



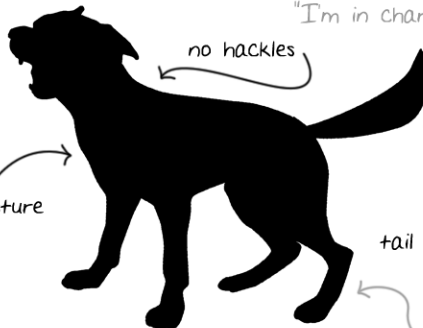
**EXCITED**

ready to pounce or chase

stiff posture

no hackles

tail waves "like a flag"



**AGGRESSIVE**

Don't run away from an aggressive dog. Stand still ("be a tree") and look away.

An overly excited dog may jump up, knock you over, scratch you with his paws, or even nip you with his teeth.

You'll mostly see this behavior when two dogs interact, but a dog that was abused or is really scared may do it as well.