



## FRIENDLY DOG BODY LANGUAGE

### FRIENDLY GREETING

Two or more dogs:



- Approach each other in a slow, wide arc
- Wag tails
- Avoid eye contact
- Sniff each other's rear ends first, then move to bodies and faces

Give each other "calming signals" such as:



Freezing



Lip licking



Smiling



Yawning



Turning the head away



Sniffing the ground or a wall



Putting the ears back



"Play bowing"

### FRIENDLY PLAY

Dogs have:



- Low, slow wagging tails
- Relaxed, curved bodies
- Open, relaxed mouths

The play includes:



- Balanced play where dogs take turns being on top of each other
- Bouncy, exaggerated gestures and twisted leaps

## UNFRIENDLY DOG BODY LANGUAGE

### Emotion: AGGRESSION



Stiffens body with tail straight up or back



Pins another dog and stands stiffly over him or her



Shows teeth



Puts muzzle repeatedly onto another dog's neck, shoulders, or back



Stares with a fixed gaze directly at another dog



Puts hackles up at the shoulders



Snarls or raises the top lip



Slams into another dog at full speed



Incessantly follows, bothers, or mounts another dog who does not want to play

### Emotion: ANXIETY



Wags tail fast and low



Whines or whimpers



Puts ears back



Hides behind objects or people

### Emotion: FEAR



Tries to look small



Tucks tail



Hunches over with head down



Flattens ears



Tenses body



Urinates submissively