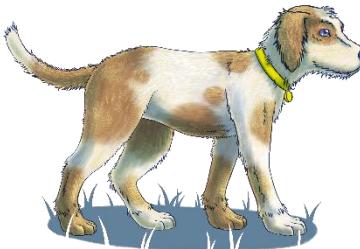


# Dog body language



I'm relaxed



Being able to recognise when your dog might be feeling worried or frightened will help you respond appropriately, and keep you, your dog, and others safe.

We need space

Signs of fear or anxiety to look out for:



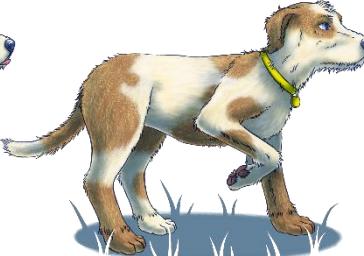
Leaning away whilst lip-licking



Yawning, leaning away



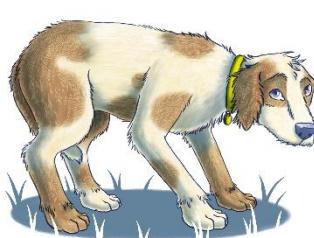
Ears back, lip-licking



Pausing with ears back, tail lowered, paw lifted



Leaning back with tail tucked, ears back



Lowered body posture, tail tucked

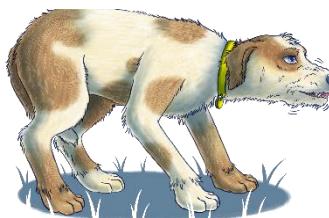


Approaching with low, wagging tail and ears back



Teeth exposed in 'smile' shape, ears back, eyes squinted/shut tightly

We need space now



Crouched and growling with ears back and tail under



Tense, leaning forward, tail outwards/up, staring, snarling, growling



Rolling onto side or back, tail tucked, ears back, tense, one or both back legs raised

Not all dogs will show these signs or in the combinations described, and others may show some of these signs in other emotional states. The whole body, context and individual dog must be taken into account when reading a dog and judging how to react in a situation.