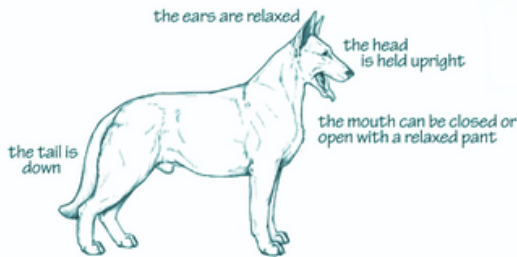




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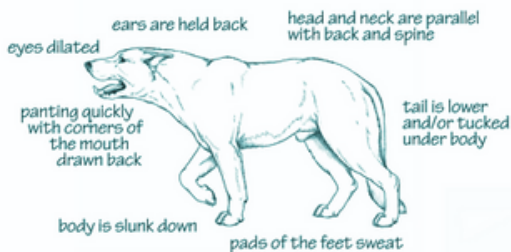
## Relaxed Stance

The dog is in a neutral state of mind and poses no threat. It is seen when the dog is comfortable and secure with the current situation.



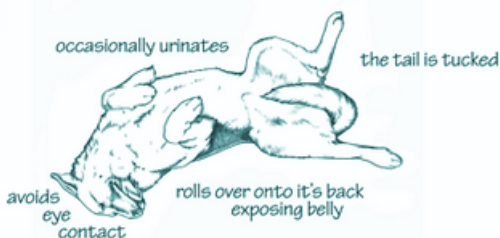
## Play Bow

The rump is up in the air while the front of the dog is lowered with elbows almost touching the ground. The expression is happy and alert. The dog may bark and run around.



## Stress Posture

The dog keeps its body lowered with tail dropped and ears pulled back. The dog may lick or pant. Their pupils will be dilated.

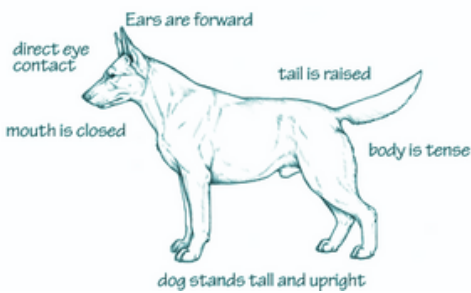


## Highly Submissive Posture

The pet rolls over onto its back, fully exposing their belly. The tail is tucked. They avoid any eye contact and if they feel threatened, often they will urinate.

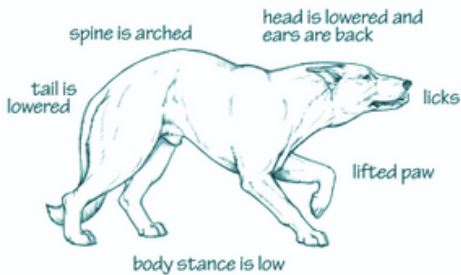


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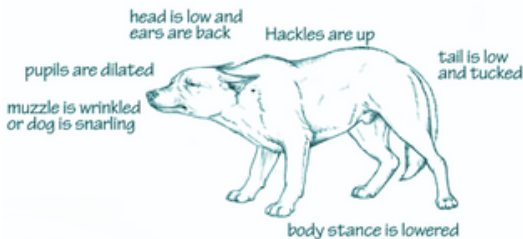
## Alert Body Stance

This dog is keenly aware of its surrounding. This body posture can easily transition into another behavioral state in an instant.



## Submissive Body Position

The dog avoids direct eye contact and lifts a paw in submission. The head and body are low while the dog licks at its lips. The pet will normally cower around a person or other animals seeking approval.



## Defensive Body Position

This type of position clearly indicates the dog is frightened and being self-protective. Approaching this type of dog can be very dangerous - the dog will either flee or bite if they are cornered.



## Offensive Body Position

This body language says the dog is dangerous, aggressive and ready to attack.