

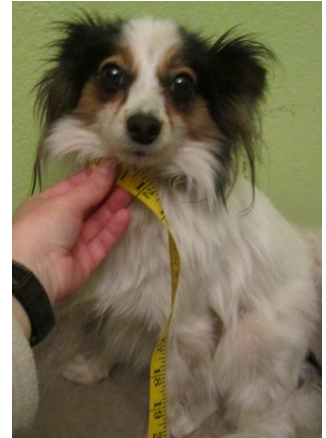


Canine Body Language: Stress Signals

Dogs are masters of communicating via body language -- their native language! In order to understand them, we have to learn how to read their language. Below are some common stress signals dogs show to say "I am not comfortable with you doing that!"



lip-licking



*wide, round eyes
ears pinned back*



*ears pinned back,
stress-pant
rounded back
tail tucked*



*body lowered
tail tucked*



yawning



tail tucked



*turning head away
ears pinned back
lip-licking
paw raise*



*turning head away
ears pinned back
wide, round eyes*



*change from mouth open
and soft eyes to:*

*mouth tensely closed,
wide, round eyes,
and front legs bracing to lean
away*



*turning head away
trying to lean away*

*shaking off
(to release tension
after stressful event)*

