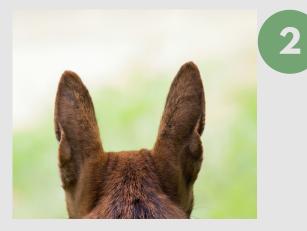
# A SIMPLE GUIDE TO RECOGNIZING STRESS IN YOUR DOG\*\*

# Learn to read your dog



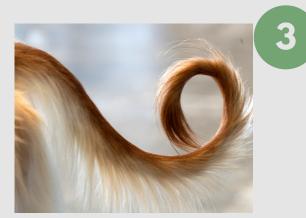
# **EYES**

Happy - eyes are soft, not dilated Stressed - eyes averted, showing whites (whale eye), side-eye STOP - Dilated, hard stare



#### EARS

Happy - Relaxed in normal, neutral position Stressed - Airplane ears, pulled back STOP - Alert and fully forward or pulled back tightly!



## TAILS

Happy - Relaxed, normal happy wag
Stressed - Tucked
STOP - Wagging stops or slow low wag.
Tightly tucked or fully erect and high



### MOUTH

Happy - Open, relaxed panting

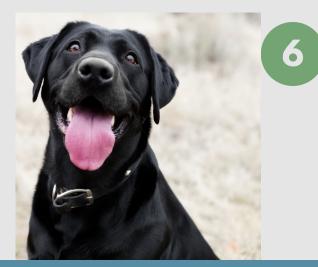
Stressed - Yawning (when not tired), Lip-Licking (no food around), Heavy Panting out of context

**STOP** - Closed, tight mouth. Appears to hold their breath.



#### BODY

Happy - Loose, wiggly, playful Stressed - Low, try to make themselves smaller, Turning away STOP - Stiff, forward lunging. Hackles up (fur standing on edge)



### A HAPPY DOG

Has a relaxed body, soft eyes, ears relaxed, and a soft mouth..



\*\*This is a snapshot only, not a comprehensive look at stress or body language.

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