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• Ears lowered
• Head is hiding
• Tail is tucked under his body
SCARED and/or STRESSED

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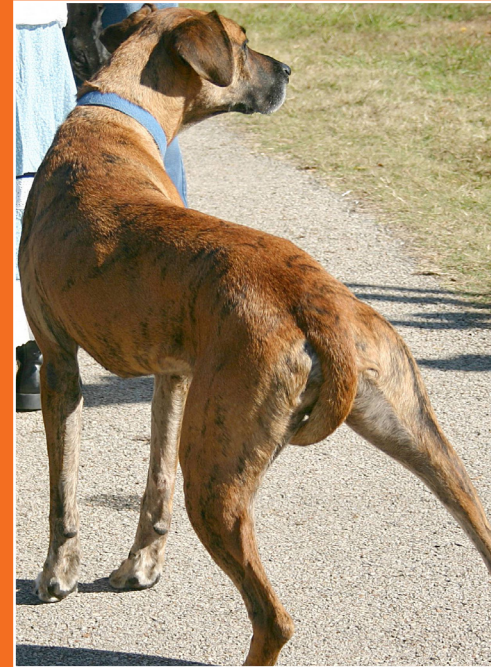
• Paws are spread apart
• Ears tilted back
• Widen eyes (whale eye)
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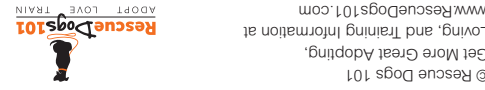
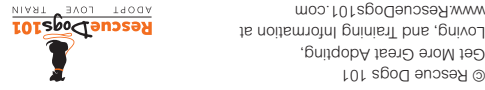
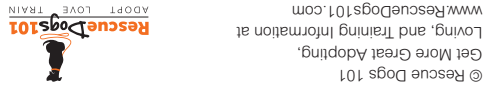
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Start by asking these questions and then you can add your own.

What is this dog feeling?

How do you know this dog is scared, aggressive or happy?



- Widen eyes (whale eye)
 - Ears lowered
 - Head is lowered
 - Hiding under furniture
- SCARED**

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- Head lowered
 - Ears tilted back
 - Eyes squinting
- UNCOMFORTABLE and/or STRESSED**

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- Ears tilted back
 - Eyes squinting (almost whale eye)
- UNCOMFORTABLE and/or STRESSED**

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What is this dogs (tail) (ears) (eyes) (body) telling us?

Is it okay to approach and pet this dog?

Why is this dog...

True or False.

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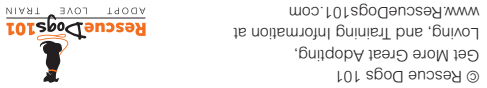
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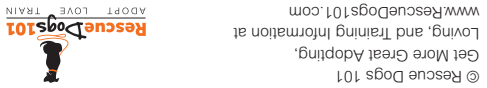
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- Head lowered
- guarding food bowl
- Paws appear to be
- Mouth is slightly open

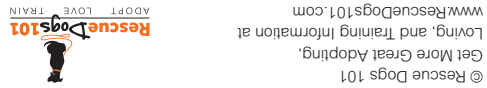
RESOURCE GUARDING

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- Teeth showing
 - other dog
 - Shoulder bumping
 - Ears held forward and high
- ## DOMINANT and/or AGGRESSIVE

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- Quick licking of nose
- Eyebrows furrowed
- Head lowered

UNSURE and/or STRESSED

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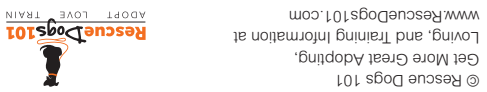
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SCARED and/or STRESSED

- Widen eyes (whale eye)
- Head lowered
- Ears tilted back
- This dog if pushed further may bite

SCARED and/or STRESSED

- Ears lowered
- Body pulling away from situation
- One paw lifted

AGGRESSIVE

- Lips and nose curled
- Teeth showing
- Body lunging
- This dog will bite if approached

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UNSURE and/or STRESSED

- Ears tilted back
- Head turning away
- Yawning


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ALERT and/or AGGRESSIVE

- Ears held high and alert
- Body is very still
- Tail may be stiff and wagging slowly

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- Ears tilted back and lowered
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- One paw lifted
 - Ears lowered
 - Head is turned away
- SCARED and/or STRESSED**

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- Lips and nose curled
 - Teeth showing
 - These dogs may bite if approached
- AGGRESSIVE**

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- Tail is wagging quickly
 - Mouth is relaxed and appears to be smiling
 - Eyes are soft and relaxed
- HAPPY and RELAXED**

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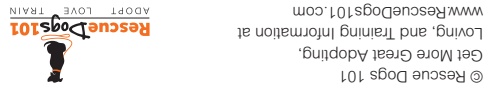
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- Ears titled back
 - Eyebrows furrowed
- SCARED and/or STRESSED**

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- Body stiff
 - Head turned
 - Ears titled back
 - Widen eyes (whale eye)
- SCARED and/or STRESSED**

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- Tail is erect and high
 - Ears held forward
- DOMINANT**
- Shoulder bumping other dog

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**SCARED, ALERT
OR AGGRESSIVE**

- Ears tilted back
- Body is very still
- Complete situation must be observed

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**SCARED and/or
STRESSED**

- Ears tilted back
- Widen eyes (whale eye)

DOG BODY LANGUAGE 101

**SCARED and/or
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- Ears tilted back
- Head lowered
- Widen eyes (whale eye)
- Avoiding eye contact

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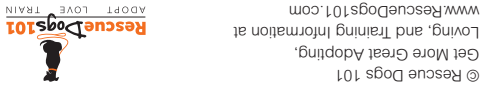
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- Laying down

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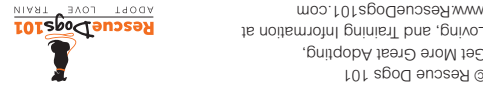
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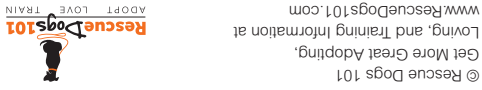
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HAPPY and RELAXED

- Mouth is open and relaxed
- Rolling over on back

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RESOURCE GUARDING

- Mouth is tightly gripping bone
- Whale eye (whites of eyes showing)
- Ears lowered and tilted back

DOG BODY LANGUAGE 101



DOMINANT

- Tail is erect
- Paw is on other dogs shoulder
- Hackles slightly raised

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