

CANINE BODY LANGUAGE

THIS IS THE DOG YOU'LL WANT TO PET. HE'S CALM, NEUTRAL AND RELAXED. THERE IS NO TENSION IN HIS BODY AND HE IS PROBABLY PANTING HAPPILY AND WAITING FOR YOU TO COME OVER AND JUST SAY "HI".

RELAXED BODY POSTURE

RELAXED TAIL, MAY BE WAGGING

THIS DOG IS UNCOMFORTABLE OR DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. IT'S BEST NOT TO PET HIM

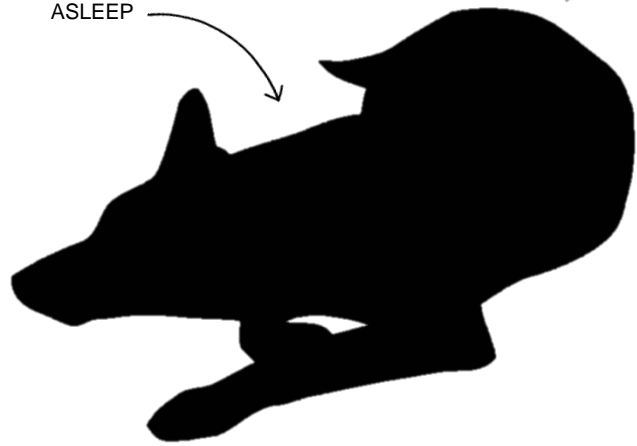
IT'S USUALLY SAFE TO PET A RELAXED DOG, BUT MAKE SURE HE HASN'T FALLEN ASLEEP!

CALM & NEUTRAL

LEANING BACK OR TURNING THE BODY

TAIL LOW, TIP MAY WAG

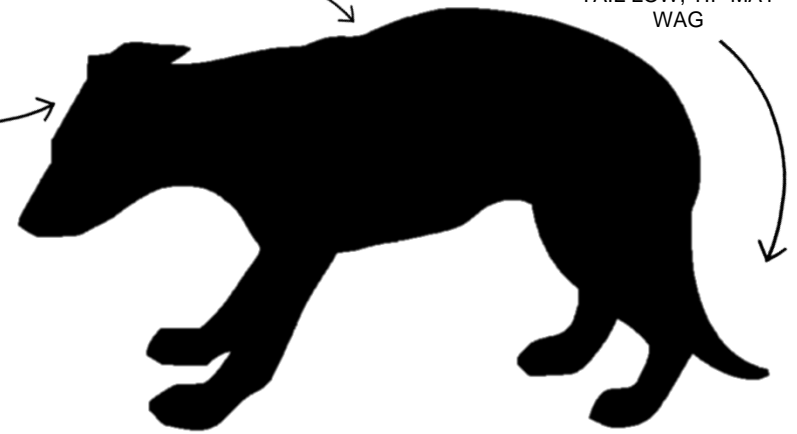
READY TO JUST FALL ASLEEP



RELAXED

HE MAY JUST BE REALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT'S GOING ON

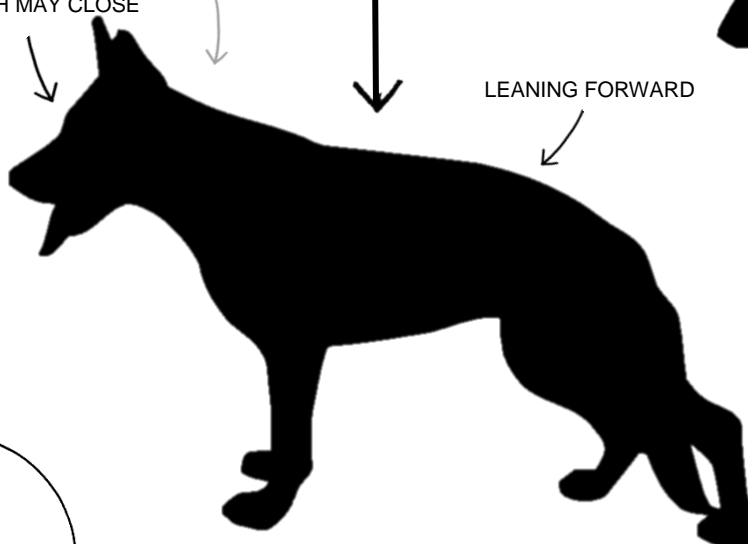
EARS BACK



ANXIOUS & NERVOUS

EARS ARE FORWARD, MOUTH MAY CLOSE

LEANING FORWARD



ALERT

MAY BE BOUNCING INTO THIS POSITION

EARS FLATTENED

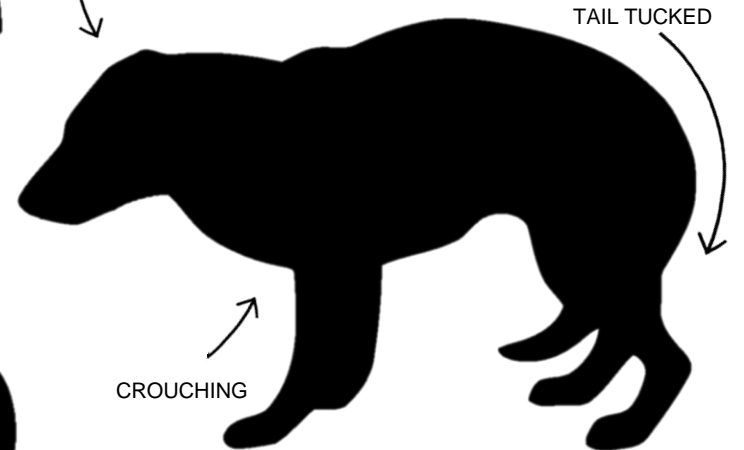
TAIL TUCKED



PLAYFUL

TAIL WAGGING

"OH, PLEASE, THROW THE BALL!"



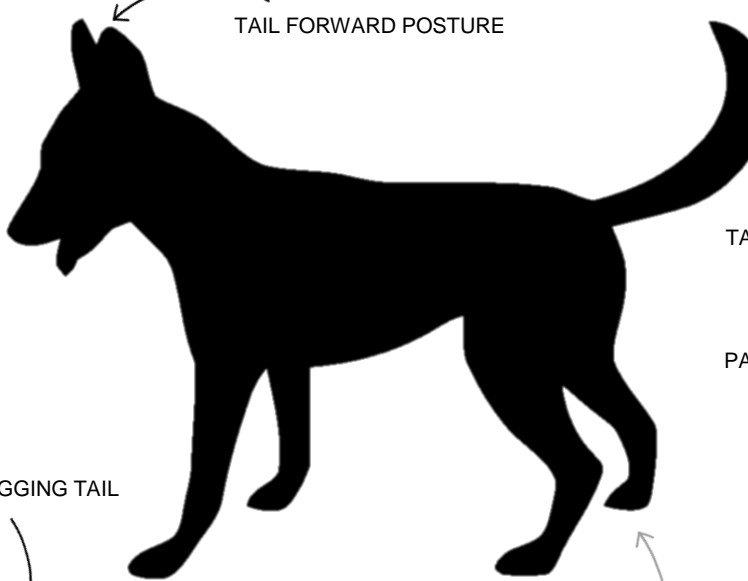
FRIGHTENED

TAIL FORWARD POSTURE

CROUCHING

TAIL HELD HIGH

THIS DOG MAY BE READY TO DEFEND HIMSELF

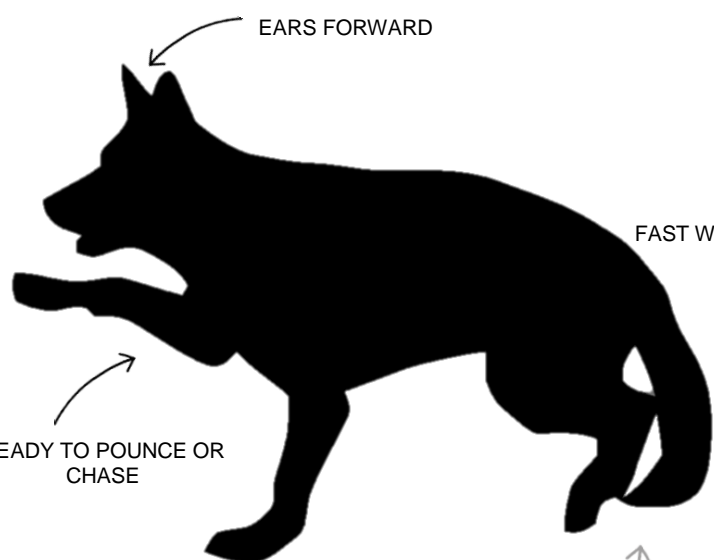


DOMINANT

TOWARD ANOTHER DOG, "I'M IN CHARGE."

PAWS TUCKED IN

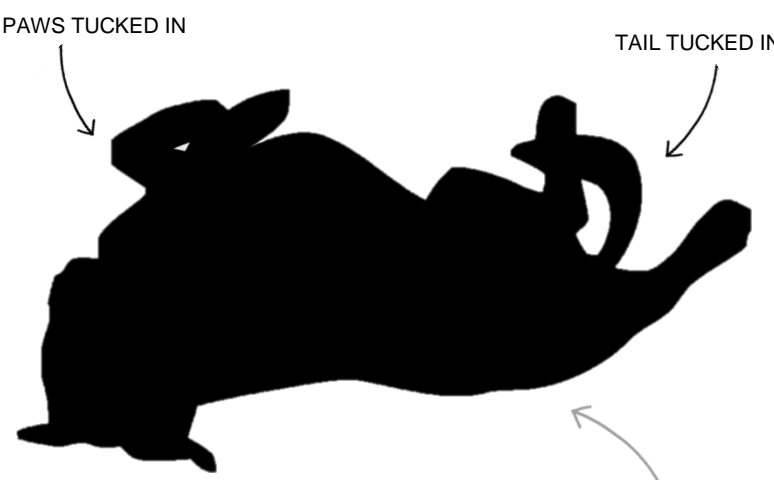
TAIL TUCKED IN



EXCITED

READY TO POUNCE OR CHASE

FAST WAGGING TAIL



SUBMISSIVE

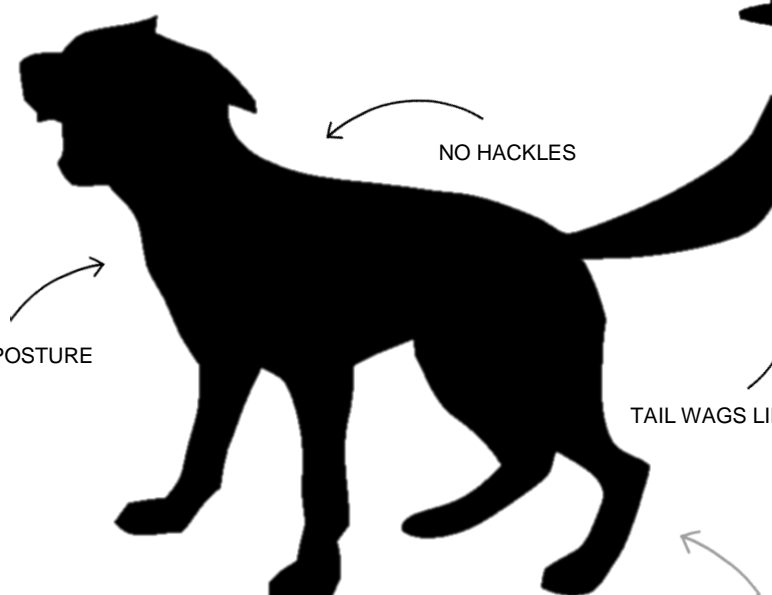
YOU'LL MOSTLY SEE THIS BEHAVIOR WHEN TWO DOGS INTERACT, BUT A DOG THAT WAS ABUSED OR REALLY SCARED MAY DO IT AS WELL.

AN OVERLY EXCITED DOG MAY JUMP UP, KNOCK YOU OVER, SCRATCH YOU WITH HIS PAWS, OR EVEN NIP WITH HIS TEETH.

STIFF POSTURE

NO HACKLES

TAIL WAGS LIKE A FLAG



AGGRESSIVE

DON'T RUN AWAY FROM AN AGGRESSIVE DOG. STAND STILL (BE A TREE) AND LOOK AWAY.