

- Happy
- Relaxed
- May Be Friendly

**Ask**

*How can you tell this dog is friendly?*

**What to look for**

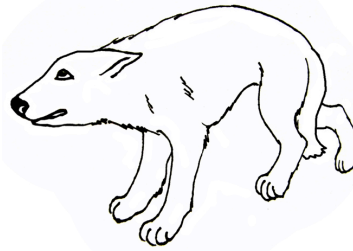
*Open mouth like a smile, ears and tail relaxed - not tucked and not straight up. Might be wagging in wide wags.*

**Activities**

- Silently act out a happy posture and expression then ask your child what they think you are feeling?
- Ask them how they know?
- Discuss how your body language/expression is similar to or different from the dog's here.

**Safest Greeting Protocol**

- *Child asks both the dog's human and the dog if it is okay to greet by stopping at a polite distance and saying "Hi."*
- *If dog is friendly, child may be politely friendly. You must judge each dog and situation.*
- *If dog ignores child, child leaves dog alone.*
- *Same rules for greeting a strange dog as greeting a strange adult human - polite, calm interaction. No hugging, no grabbing.*



- Nervous
- Frightened
- Leave Alone (or Stay Away)

**Ask**

*How can you tell this dog is nervous?*

**What to look for**

*Head and tail low, ears back, mouth long and pulled back, whites of eyes showing more than usual. May be still or trembling. Dog hunched up - trying to be as small as possible.*

**Activities**

- Silently act out a nervous posture and expression then ask your child what they think you are feeling?
- Ask them how they know?
- Discuss how your body language/expression is similar to or different from the dog's here.

**Safest Greeting Protocol**

*Child should leave ALL nervous/frightened dogs alone! 100% alone. Ignore them. Leave alone!*



- "Angry"
- Threatening
- Stay Away (or Leave Alone)

**Ask**

*How can you tell this dog is "angry"?*

**What to look for**

*Head and tail high up, stiff/tense, mouth closed and shortened, staring, often still, may be growling or barking. Dog is standing tall - trying to be as big as possible.*

**Activities**

- Silently act out an angry posture and expression then ask your child what they think you are feeling?
- Ask them how they know?
- Discuss how your body language/expression is similar to or different from the dog's here.

**Safest Greeting Protocol**

*This is an unsafe situation. Stay away!*