

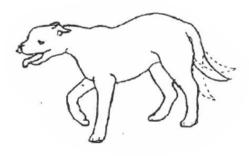
# **Canine Body Language**

Similar to humans, dogs communicate their emotions through body language. These pictures will help you understand what your dog may be trying to say to you.



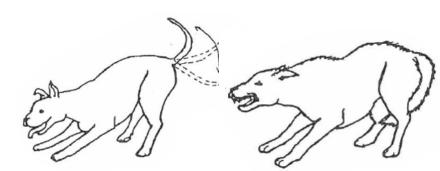
## "I'm friendly, but please be gentle!"

- Belly exposed
- Tail wag
- Relaxed ears
- Face and lips relaxed



# "Hi, let's be friends!"

- Low, loose tail wag
- Ears relaxed
- Face and lips relaxed
- Loose, wiggly body



#### "Will you play with me?"

- Tail in neutral position, wagging
  - Loose, wiggly body
    Ears pricked
- Face and lips relaxed
- Rear up in a "play bow"



- Ears flat back
- Tail tucked between legs
- Fur along back raised
- Tense body leaning backward
- Teeth bared, possibly growling



## "Stay away from me!"

- Ears up and forward
- Tail held high and tense, possibly vibrating
- Fur along back raised
- Tense body leaning forward
- Teeth bared, possibly growling