



Closed mouth

Dog brings upper and lower jaw, lips, and teeth together. He is unable to pant through his mouth.



Open mouth

Dog's jaw is relaxed with the lower jaw separated from the upper jaw and lip.



Ears back

Dog lays ears flat to the head and the tips of the ears are pointing to the rear of the dog. Slight variations will occur depending on breed of dog and shapes of ears.



Ears forward

The base of the ear is brought further towards the front of the head. Oftentimes, the dog's forehead will be furrowed when ears are forward.



Hard Eye

Dog's eye is large and the whites are prevalent. Dog is likely stiff or is freezing.



Soft Eye (blinking)

Dog's eye is an almond shape. The whites of the eye can barely be seen and the dog is likely blinking.



Squinty Eye

Dog's eyes appear to be partially closed and relaxed. They are smaller than the almond shape.



Pursed Lip

Dog brings upper and lower jaw, lips, and teeth together. He is unable to pant through his mouth.



Lip Lick

Dog licks his lips out of the context of food or eating.



Stress Yawn

The dog yawns out of the context of sleep or being tired.



Play Bow

Dog lowers the front of his body to the floor with his legs outstretched in front of him with his rear elevated to initiate play.