



Signs of Fear & Anxiety in Dogs



STRESSED DOG

dilated pupils; wide eyes;
 prolonged staring or avoiding
 eye contact

pinned flat against the head;
 out to the side

closed; panting; lip licking;
 yawning; tight or lifted lips;
 baring teeth; tense jaw

tense or stiff; crouched or
 lowered; raised fur along the
 back

low or tucked; high above the
 back; wagging cautiously or not
 at all

EYES

EARS

MOUTH

BODY

TAIL



RELAXED DOG

normal-sized pupils; soft eyes;
 natural almond shape

neutral position; forward or
 slightly to the side; loose

closed or open; soft lips;
 relaxed jaw

relaxed and loose posture;
 neutral and balanced stance

neutral level with the back;
 gently wagging



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relaxed and loose posture; neutral and balanced stance

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TAIL



neutral level with the back; gently wagging