What is my dog saying?



Loose, wiggly wag
Happy and friendly.

Play bow
Let's play!

Soft eyes, open mouth
Relaxed and content.

Belly up, loose body
Relaxed and trusting.

Stiff, high tail
Tense or alert. Pause.

Tail tucked low
Scared or unsure.

Yawning or lip licking
Often a little stressed.

"Whale eye" (white showing)
Uncomfortable. Give space.

Raised fur on back
Excited or upset. Give space.

Turning head away
Asking for a break.

Look at the whole animal and what is going on around them. This chart is a friendly guide, not veterinary advice. If behavior changes suddenly, ask a vet.

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