

The body languages combinations communicating the following emotional states are not OK: Alert Soldier, Hunter, Smell to Steal, and Warning. In such instances, provide No, Not This Guidance.

### Unacceptable Emotional States

<b>Alert Soldier</b>	Mouth suddenly closes all the way up. Eyes locked intently on what's been noticed. Whole body momentarily freezes. Appears like a soldier on watch.
<b>Hunter</b>	Head and eyes dart around scanning the environment. Tail is up high. Walks slowly with tension, or charges into an area knocking others out of the way if needed.
<b>Smell To Steal</b>	Moves forward with nose up attempting to locate food i.e. on a counter or in a trash can. Attempts to grab or fight for food if allowed to get close to it.
<b>Warning</b>	Growls or shows teeth. Whole body freezes and stares (often for a very brief moment) at a person or dog deemed "an offender."

And here are some additional common dog body language cues you'll want to be familiar with.

### Common Dog Body Language

<b>Tucked tail/ backend</b>	Always means fear.
<b>Wagging Tail</b>	Varies widely and can be misleading. Do not attempt to interpret a wagging tail.
<b>Whale Eye (side-eye look showing lots of white)</b>	Very uncomfortable with a dog or person, or their actions, near them. Separate them immediately because a bite is coming.
<b>Yawn</b>	Releases mild stress. One or two yawns are okay when using newly learned self-control, i.e. not chasing the cat they previously always chased. Repeated multiple yawns in very short time means they are getting a little overwhelmed and need a break and/or your guidance.

