

# Read the Signs!

The canine ladder of aggression.

Dogs communicate their stress and anxiety in situations with their body language. It is important to catch the signs of stress and aggression to prevent a bite from happening. This ladder shows the cues your dog may give when escalating to a bite. It is best to remove the dog from the situation if you see them escalating up the ladder.



**Blinks, Yawns, Licks Nose**

**Turns Head Away**

**Turn Body Away, Sits, Paw**

**Walks Away**

**Creeps, Ears Back**

**Stands Crouched, Tucks Tail Under**

**Lies Down, Leg Up**

**Stiffens, Stares**

**Growls**

**Snaps**

**Bites**