

Can You Speak Dog?



Dogs use body language to tell us how they are feeling.



Before petting any dog; stop, look and listen to what the dog is trying to tell you. Is the dog saying "Yes please" Or "No thank you"?



Always ask permission from the adult owner before approaching a dog



Never approach a dog who is tied up



Tight closed mouth, furrowed brows
This dog is saying "No thank you" to hugs.
Most dogs prefer a scratch on the chest or back



Worried eyes, ears pulled back, body leaning away, paw raised.
This dog is saying "No thank you, I'm scared" Give this dog space



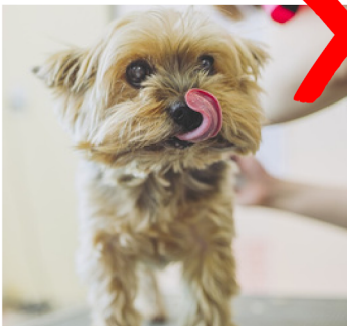
Smiling face, ears relaxed, wiggly body
This dog looks happy and friendly.
But remember you must ask permission
Be careful around dogs off lead as they
could jump up at you



Yawning can be a sign the dog is feeling
uncomfortable. You might notice this if
you are being loud or getting too close.
This dog is saying "No thank you"



Whites of eyes showing, furrowed brow,
tight, closed mouth, head turned away.
This dog is saying "No thank you"



Licking lips can be a sign the dog is
feeling uncomfortable. You might notice
this if you are patting the dog in a way
he or she doesn't like, such as on their
head. This dog is saying "No thank you"

**Always listen to their body so they don't
think they have to use their teeth**