

Bite Avoidance








RSA

Has the highest number of *dog bites* in the world*

So often we hear that a dog just bit someone "out of the blue", the truth is that dogs rarely bite with no warning.

BASIC DOG BODY LANGUAGE

Many dog bites **can be prevented**, by understanding the basics of dog body language, and knowing how to read them.

	<p>LIP & NOSE LICKING This is not the "yummy" type licking. What does it mean? "I am uncomfortable Go away!"</p>		<p>SIDE TURNED HEAD Head is turned away to avoid eye contact. What does it mean? "Please do not bother me"</p>	
	<p>TAIL TUGGED IN This shows the dog is very worried. What does it mean? "Please stay away from me"</p>		<p>WHALE EYE This indicates that the dog is uncomfortable. What does it mean? "Leave me alone!"</p>	
	<p>STRESS YAWN Happens repeatedly in stressful situations. What does it mean? "Please leave me alone!"</p>		<p>"FREEZE AND STARE This a very dangerous sign in dogs. What does it mean? "I will bite if you persist!"</p>	
	<p>RELAXED DOGGIE "Wagging" his body, he is calm and relaxed. What does it mean? "I am happy to see you."</p>			
		<p>SAFE Safe to approach</p>	<p>CAUTION Do not approach</p>	<p>DANGER Stay away!</p>

*Ref: www.doggonesafe.com | <https://www.iol.co.za/lifestyle/family/pets/sa-has-highest-incidents-of-dog-attacks-in-world-10902710>

