**PARLEZ-VOUS POOCH?** 

How good are you at reading a dog's body language? Here are a few tell-tail (pun intended) signs of what your pooch is trying to tell you.

- TAIL TALK: A wagging tail doesn't always mean a happy dog. A high wag might show excitement or joy, while a low wag could mean uncertainty or caution.
- EARS UP, EARS DOWN: When their ears are perked up, dogs are usually alert and interested. If the ears are flat against their head, it might signal fear or submission.
- EYE CONTACT: Staring can be a sign of dominance or aggression, so a soft gaze usually means your dog feels safe and friendly.
- SMILE OR SNARL: Dogs show their teeth for different reasons. A relaxed, open-mouthed grin often means happiness, while bared teeth can mean they're upset.
- BODY POSTURE: A confident, relaxed dog stands tall with a loose body. If they crouch low or try to make themselves small, they might be anxious or scared.
- YAWNING AND LIP LICKING: These behaviors can signal stress or discomfort, especially in unfamiliar situations.
- HACKLES RAISED: When the fur along a dog's back stands up, it usually means they're feeling threatened or aggressive.
- PLAY BOW: This classic move involves a lowered front with the rear end up, and it's an invitation to play and have fun.









