

Body Language and Signs of FAS in Dogs

RELAXED	Anatomy	STRESSED
Soft; loose	FACE	Skin taut; wrinkled brow; lips pulled back; tense jaw
Almond shape; normal pupils; soft eye	EYES	Dilated pupils; prolonged staring or avoiding eye contact; whale eye
Neutral; back, but not flattened; loose	EARS	Out to the side; flat against head
Flexible neck to tail	SPINE/POSTURE	Rigid and/or stiff
Level with topline; slightly above or below; wagging	TAIL*	High above topline; tucked; wagging
Mouth open or closed; lips—long, soft, commissures relaxed	MOUTH	Mouth closed; lips—short, tense; lip lift; bite

*Curly, docked tail—
evaluate in light of what is
typical for that breed