

How Do I Know if a Dog is Friendly?

You can ***never*** be totally sure, even if you know the dog!!!

Be aware of body language:

Friendly

- Eyes looking away from you or at the ground.
- Mouth open or “smiling”, panting or licking lips.
- Tail is up and wagging
- Body is relaxed, sitting or showing belly.



Unfriendly

- Dog staring at you.
- Ears point forward, flattened back or to the side.
- Lips pulled back in a snarl, growling or barking at you.
- Tail is tucked under or “flagged”.
- Hackles up, stiff posture.

What do I do if...?

Q: A dog jumps up on me.

A: Remain calm, quite and still. Cross arms and turn around and stand like a statue.

Q: A mean dog comes at me?

A: Say “NO!” in a loud, deep voice. Try a simple command such as “sit”, “stay” or “stop”. Put something between you and the dog, such as a tree, backpack, bicycle, skateboard, etc. Back away slowly. Don’t run!!!