

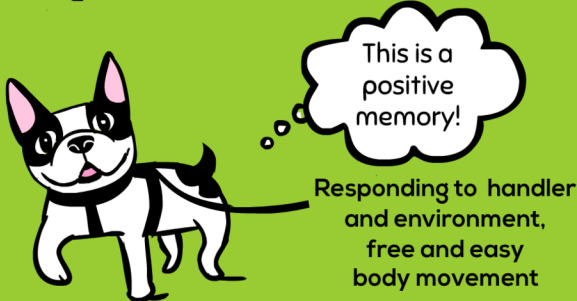
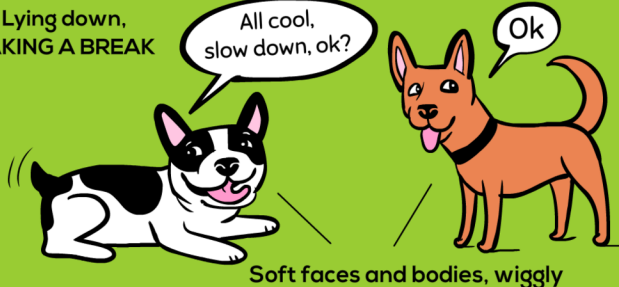
# Let's talk about BODY LANGUAGE

## CALM and RELAXED? or SHUT DOWN?

Calm, attentive, responsive



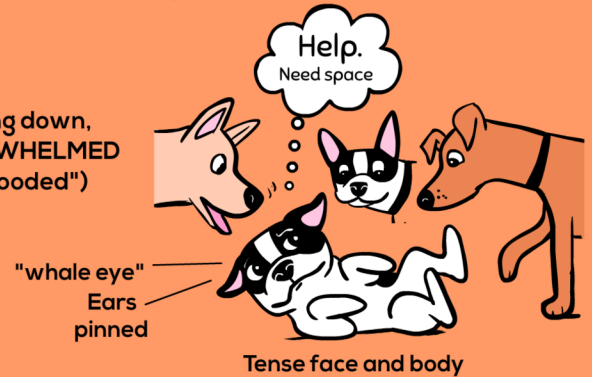
Lying down,  
TAKING A BREAK



Frozen, unresponsive



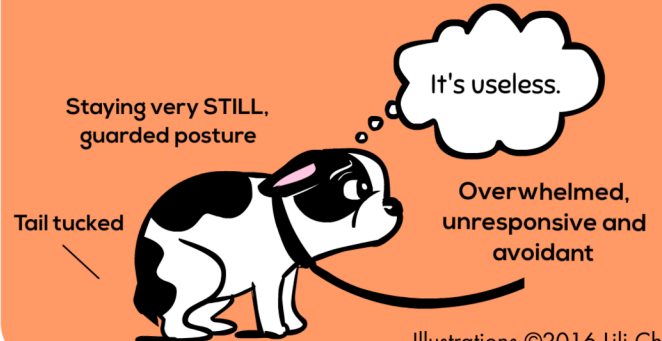
Lying down,  
OVERWHELMED  
("Flooded")



Tense



Staying very STILL,  
guarded posture



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Remember, **biting is always a last resort**—dogs try to communicate discomfort long before they resort to aggression. If a dog bites without warning, it likely means their earlier signals were repeatedly ignored.

**Don't let it get to that point.** Pay attention to your dog's body language, respect their boundaries, and advocate for their comfort. This protects both your dog and the people they meet, preventing dangerous situations that could have serious consequences.