

WELCOME!

JV PAW 2 Training Read to Dogs



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Agenda



- Dog Body Language Review
- How to Read to Dogs at HSHV
- Animal Visitation Time (about 45 minutes)
- Closing/Questions

Happy/ Relaxed Dog Behavior



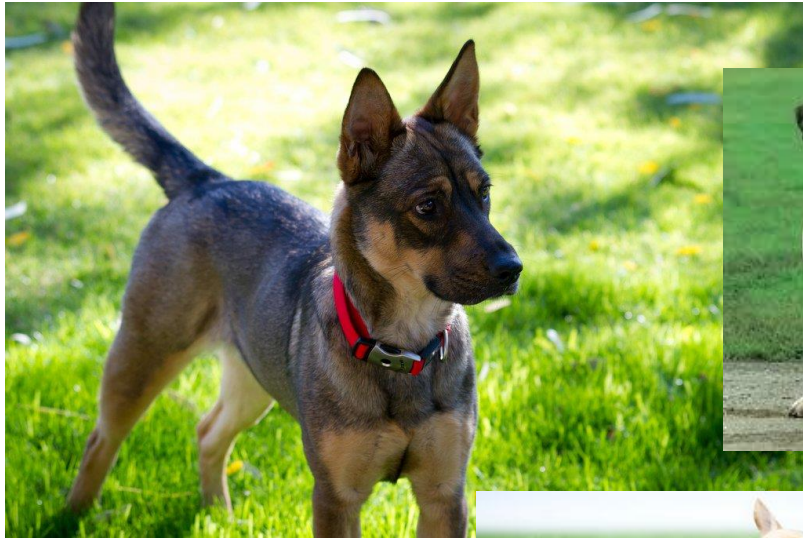
- Head up in a normal position
- Tail relaxed and giving big wags
- Ears relaxed
- Able to sleep/eat
- Playing with toys
- Eyes move around freely

Playful Dog Behavior

- ❑ Play bow
- ❑ Wrestling silently or with play growling
- ❑ Playful barking
- ❑ Running around with toys



Assertive Dog Behavior



- ❑ Whiskers flare forward
- ❑ Head held high
- ❑ Mouth closed
- ❑ Tail held high and stiff
- ❑ Ears up/forward
- ❑ Direct eye contact
- ❑ Hair on the back may be raised
- ❑ May growl

Fearful or Stressed Dog Behavior



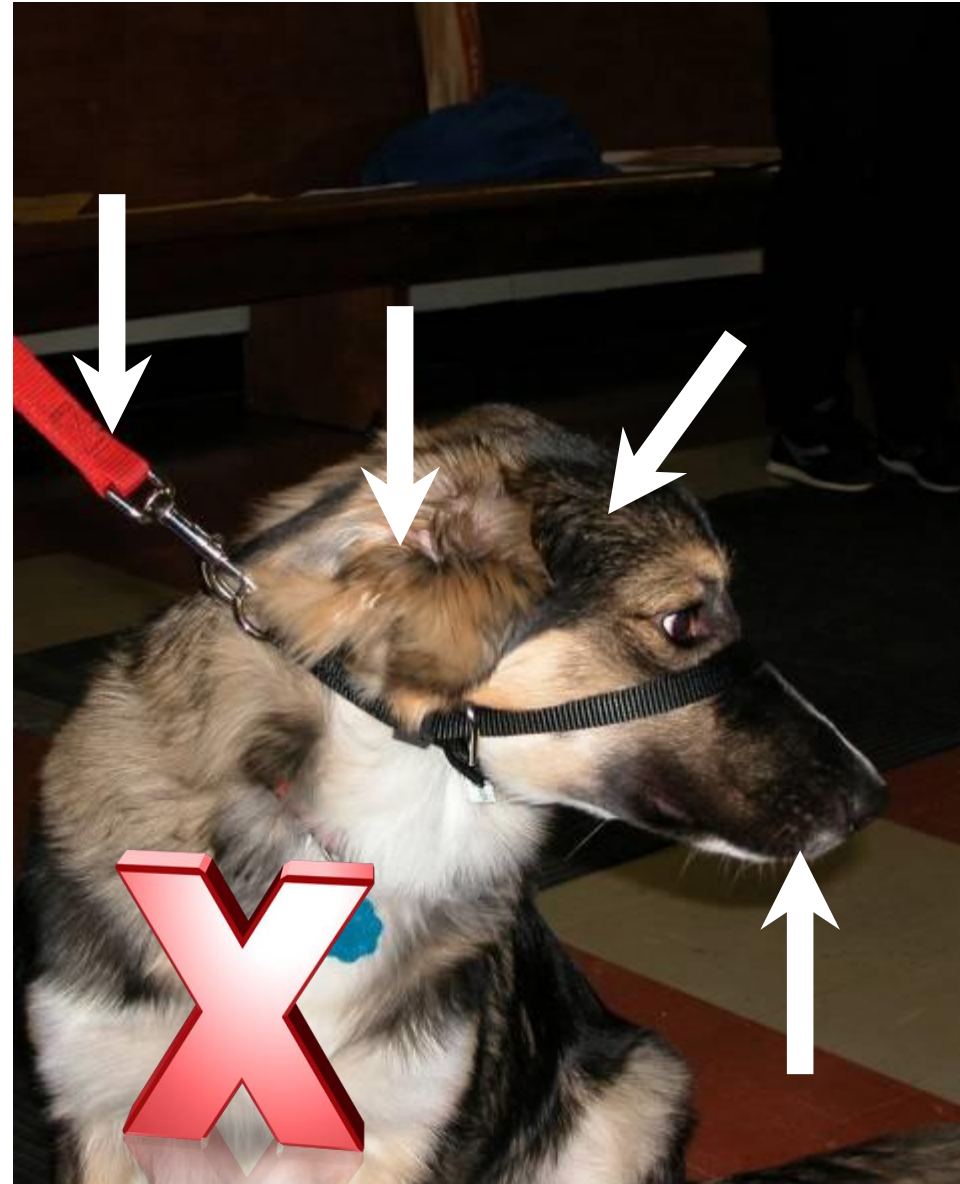
- Head down or low
- Tail tucked or low
- Mouth closed
- Ears held back/low
- May try to run away
- May repeatedly bark
- May be constantly moving
- Quick yawning
- Trembling
- Lip licking
- shaking/scratching

Aggressive Dog Behavior



- Showing Teeth
- Warning sounds
- Body language leaning towards the object
- Strong bite risk
- Direct eye contact
- Stiff body movements
- Head and tail held high
- Whale eye











Reading To Dogs

Reading to shelter dogs helps them gain confidence around people. The sound of a kind voice can help them feel calm even in the higher stress environment of a shelter.

How to Read to Dogs at HSHV

- ❑ Chose a dog
- ❑ Get a stool from the storage room
- ❑ Sit on stool outside of dog's kennel
- ❑ Begin reading aloud calmly
- ❑ Monitor dog's body language and determine if he/she are benefiting from the interaction
- ❑ Read to dog for 10-20 minutes
- ❑ Record in binder, if noteworthy



Guidelines for Reading to Dogs

Since some dogs will still be building their confidence around people, please remember the following:

- ❑ Avoid making eye contact with dogs as this can be interpreted as threatening behavior
- ❑ Please do not interact or speak to the dog other than reading
- ❑ Please refrain from petting the dogs and do not reach in the kennels
- ❑ Keep space between you and the kennel (do not lean against kennel)

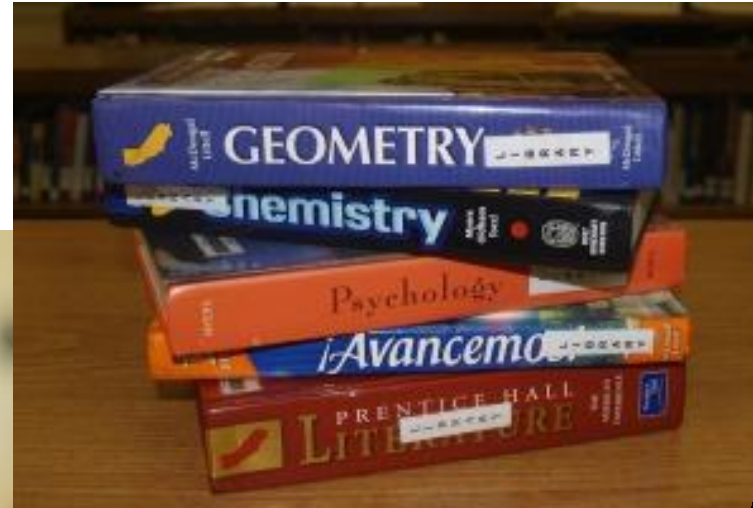
Body Language to Look For...

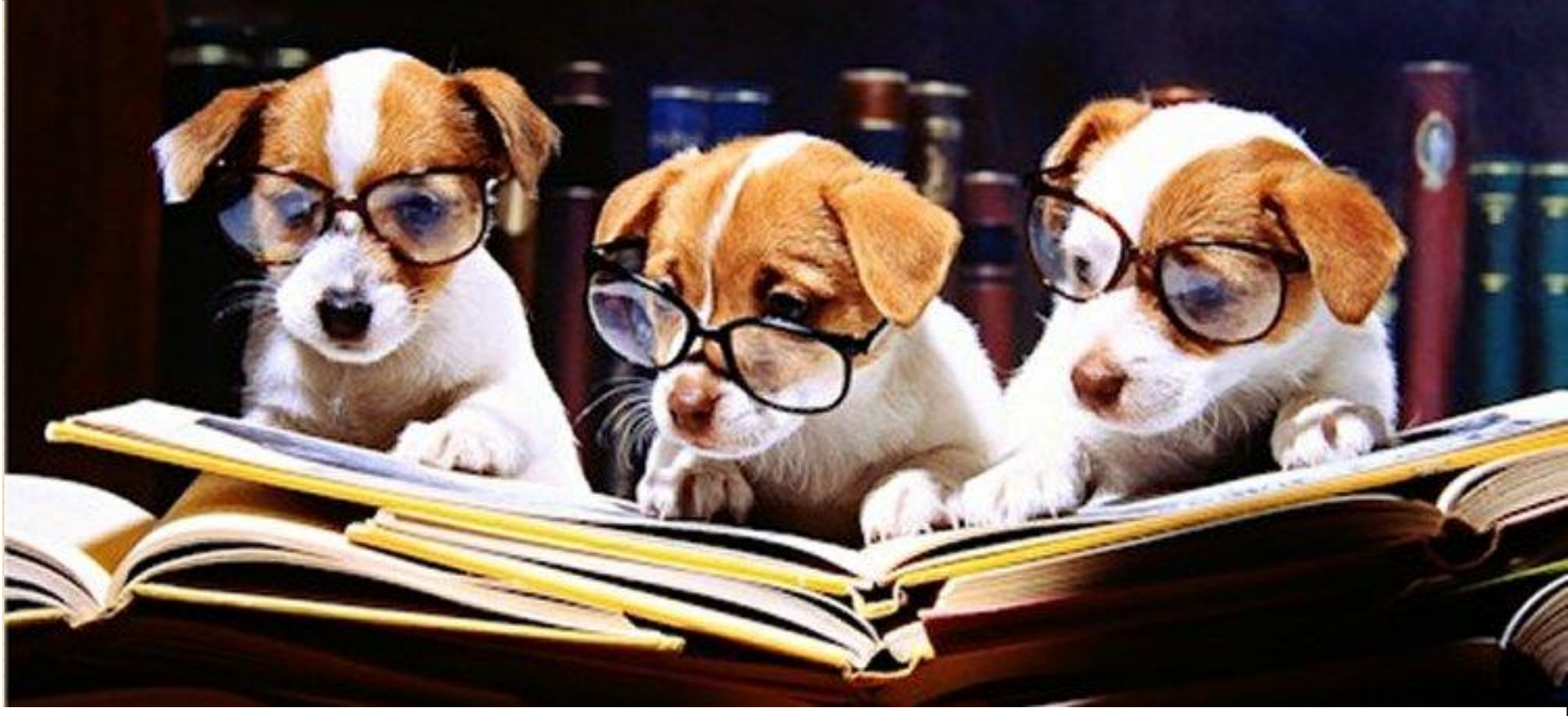


- ❑ Discontinue reading if dog
 - ❑ Barks repeatedly
 - ❑ Growls repeatedly

What Can You Read?

Books, textbooks, comic books, newspapers, anything you'd like to read aloud!





LET'S GO READ TO DOGS!

What's Next?

After today, you will be able to sign up for “JV Paw 2: Read to Dogs” shifts in your volunteer account

Shift times are:

Monday-Friday, 4:00-5:00pm

Saturday and Sunday, 1:00-2:00, or 2:00-3:00pm

New shifts open to all JV Paw 2 Volunteers!

No additional training required. Cat and dog JV Paw 2's welcome!



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**“Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center: JV Paw 2 Cat Enrichment”
(Thurs, 4-5:30pm)**

**“Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center: JV Paw 2 Cat Feeding”
(Tues-Fri, 4:30-5:30pm and Sat-Sun 4-5pm)**

QUESTIONS?

