

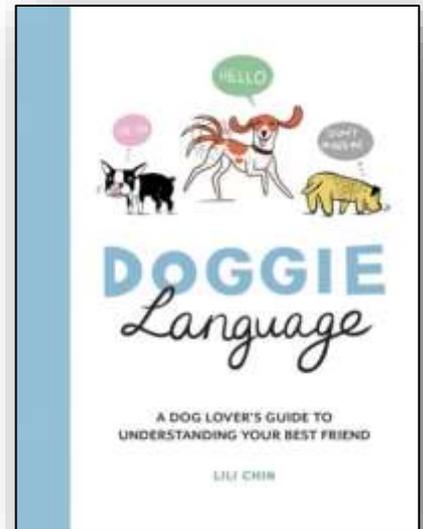
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this cute and informative guide.

Doggie Language

A Dog Lover's Guide to
Understanding Your Best Friend

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Dogs communicate with so much more than barks and tail wags, and misreading doggie body language makes life challenging for dogs and their humans.

Science confirms that dogs are thinking, feeling, social individuals, just like us. They feel fear, anger, sadness, happiness and surprise, have likes and dislikes, and can feel confused or conflicted. What might surprise many people is that dogs are communicating visually all of the time. By learning how to recognise and interpret their doggie language, we can become more responsible guardians and caregivers for our furry friends.

With over 60 adorable but informative illustrations, *Doggie Language* is the perfect visual guide to seeing and understanding the subtle visual cues and behaviours used by your beloved pup to express how they're feeling. It covers all aspects of dog body language from ear position and posture to commonly misinterpreted behaviours like kisses, sniffing and panting, enabling you to ensure that your best friend always feels safe and content.

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EYES

We have trained dogs to look at us directly, but in the dog world, indirect eye contact is actually more polite.

SOFT EYES

Visual signs:

- Almond-shaped
- No direct eye contact
- Relaxed ears, mouth, body

What your dog may be feeling:

- Happy, peaceful
- Non-confrontational

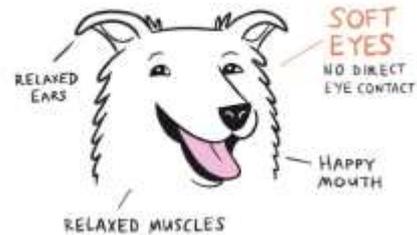
HARD STARE OR GLARING

Visual signs:

- Sustained direct eye contact
- Forward ears, tight mouth
- Stiffness or stillness

What your dog may be feeling:

- Concerned or annoyed
- Confrontational
- Glaring can be a part of Stalking (see p.38)



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POSTURE

We can tell a lot about a dog's mood by changes in their overall body posture and movement.

RELAXED, HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

Visual signs:

- No tension in face and body
- Balanced weight
- Easy movements

What your dog may be feeling:

- Happy-go-lucky
- Enjoying their environment
- Not focused on anything in particular
- Just hanging out



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