

BITE!

LUNGE

Preparing to defend:
Showing teeth
Growling
Flight / withdrawal

FOCUS:
Loss of calming signals
Close mouth - Freeze

Extreme levels of stress
Dog is forced to take action.

Preparation to take action.

STRESS REACTIONS:
Panting
Pupil dilation
Shaking off adrenaline
Sweating paws
Trembling / shaking
Whale eye
Hackling

Calming signals:
Yawning
Lip licking
Looking away
Turning away
Moving slowly

THE STRESS ESCALATION LADDER

- Turid Rugaas

Low levels of stress
Communication efforts to lower stress levels & perceived aggressive behaviors in others.

Displacement behaviors:
Sniffing the ground
Scratching