THE CANINE LADDER OF AGGRESSION

INCREASING INTENSITY →

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1. DISPLACEMENT BEHAVIOURS

Displacement behaviours are **normal** behaviours shown **out of context.** Dogs use them as early, calming signals when they feel uncomfortable, stressed or unsure. They are not signs of naughtiness – they are your dog communicating **"I need space."**



LIP LICK



YAWNING



WHALE EYE



SHAKE OFF



SCRATCHING



SNIFFING



GRABBING A TOY



HUMPING



ROLLING ON GROUND