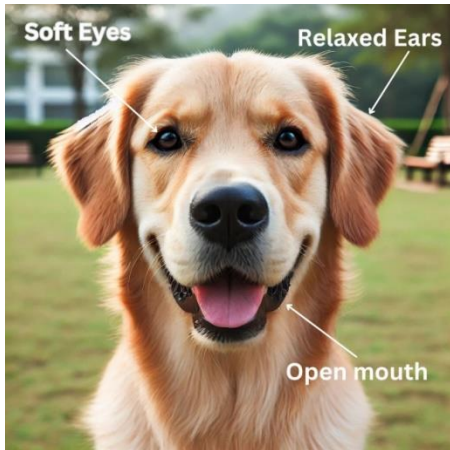


PLAYMATE ASSESSMENT – DOG FACES

Relaxed Face:



What to Look For:

- Soft eyes with no dilation in daylight.
- Ears are relaxed, not back or forward or down.
- Relaxed mouth. Open is even better.
- Medium to low tail smooth wag even better.
- Lots of foot movement.
- Play bows or circles.
- Ask the owner for play history.

Anxious Face:



What to Look For:

- Wide eyes with whites showing, averted gaze.
- Ears pinned back, not back or forward or relaxed.
- Mouth closed
- Crouching
- Paw lifting
- Tail tucked
- Evaluate play history and greeting interest.

Intense Face:



What to Look For:

- Intense fixed gaze with direct eye contact.
- Ears forward, not relaxed.
- Mouth closed and short lips from side view.
- Standing still in a freeze with little to no foot movement.
- Head lowered.
- Tail high maybe short quick wag.
- Avert eye contact and slowly **back** away.
- [Picture Source: Nicole Wilde](#)