

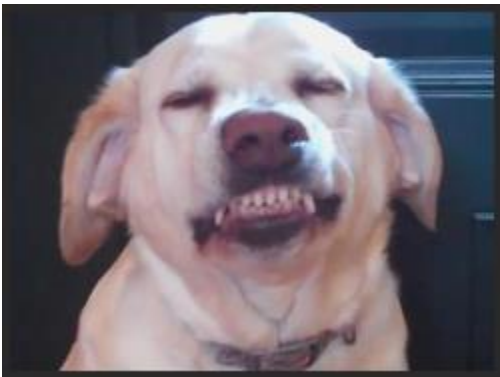
What Does Your Dog's Smile Mean?

Submissive Grin

- Dog is not particularly focused on person/animal
- Tail may be at low wag or butt wiggle dogs
- Body is not firm, they'll will either be walking around, avoiding or push there butt/rear-end towards you
- Showing top teeth, nose may be wrinkled, ears back/flat
- May snort from there nose
- Will be on again off again, not a constant
- May make noise but not a growl

Possibly the most common “grin” from a dog, is the submissive grin. In this pose, the dog lifts his upper lip up to reveal his front teeth with a closed mouth.

The problem with the “submissive grin” is people easily mistake it as a snarl, as they can look similar.



It's very common for **dog** owners to punish their **dogs** for **growling**. This is your dogs ability to warn us that he's about to snap, literally and figuratively. On other occasions, punishing a **growling**, uncomfortable **dog**, or a cornered dog that feels trapped, this can escalate into bite or worse.

Think of bared teeth as a warning: "I am going to use these teeth if you don't stop it." This behavior is often when a dog feels threatened, trapped, protective, or scared. This type of dog body language is often accompanied by vocalizations, such as growling and snarling. You will see the body language change a rigid body posture, erect ears, intense staring at

person or dog it feels threatened by and. If your dog's warning is ignored, the behavior could progress to snapping or biting.

Dogs display aggression for a number of reasons, such as resource guarding, territoriality, and fear. No matter the reason a dog does this, bared teeth are usually a sign he is being pushed past his comfort zone.



Hackles raised, weight forward

