

When your Dog's tail wags to the Left or Right side, what does it mean?



When a dog's tail wags more toward one side than the other, it reflects their current emotional state, linked to how the two hemispheres of their brain process feelings.

Right-Sided Tail Wags (Positive Emotions)



Meaning:
A tail biasing or wagging more to the dog's right side indicates positive emotions like happiness, calmness, excitement, or friendliness.

Context:
Dogs often display a right-sided wag when they see their owner, encounter a friendly person, or spot something they want to approach.

Brain connection:
The left hemisphere of the brain controls the right side of the body and is associated with positive-approach feelings.

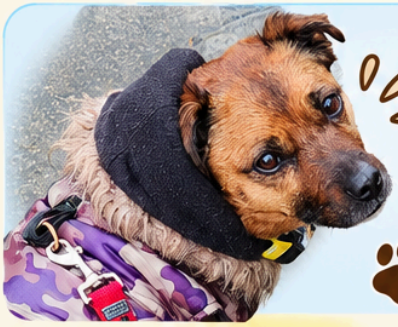
Left-Sided Tail Wags (Negative Emotions)



Meaning:
A tail biasing or wagging more to the dog's left side indicates negative or defensive emotions such as fear, stress, anxiety, or uncertainty.

Context:
Dogs typically show a left-sided wag when confronted with a threatening stimulus, an unfamiliar or aggressive dog, or something that makes them want to back away.

Brain connection:
The right hemisphere of the brain controls the left side of the body and is linked to withdrawal and fearful responses.



Important to Remember!

The tail can tell us a lot about how your dog is feeling, but it doesn't tell the whole story.

You must always read the entire body of your dog and take all the information in context to help you understand what your dog is trying to tell you.



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