



Dog Stress Levels

Dog's stress level is analogous to rising water level

Dog is **CURIOUS** about the trigger

Dog moves directly towards trigger

DOG:
 -loose body
 -soft mouth, ears
 -not avoiding trigger
 -sniffing ground
 -passing glances,
 easy to look away
 -moving to explore
 environment

DOG:
 -gathering info
 -arcs towards trigger
 -ears up
 -focused eyes
 -air-scenting
 -disengages easily

DOG:
 -arousal level moderate,
 but is decreasing
 -intent on trigger
 -disengages without
 help, but takes more
 than 2 seconds.

DOG:
 -unable to disengage
 -stiff face and body
 -tail up and stiff
 -mouth closed
 -breathing faster
 -avoids trigger
 altogether
 -pickier about food

DOG:
 -over his head
 -signs of reactivity



BAT

Ideal

OK

Small hints

Call Away

Get Away

Follow the dog.
 No prompt needed.

...but do a
 slow stop at the
 shoreline. Wait
 for disengagement.

Shift your
 weight away,
 Verbal "done?"
 after disengagement.
 Help dog get back
 to shore.

Call, move to
 'dry land',
 and treat.

Call away and
 treat! If needed,
 use mime/real
 pulling to get to
 safety.