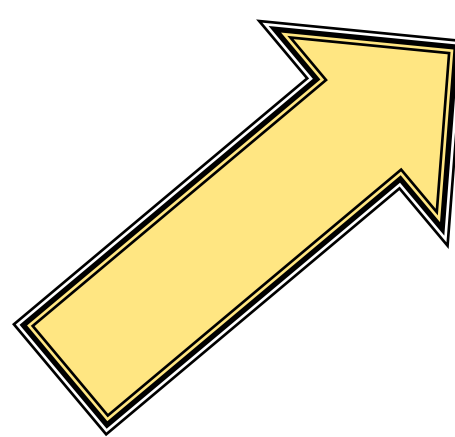


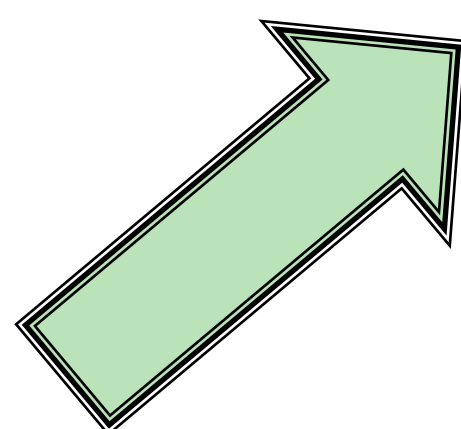
# The Stress Escalation Ladder

## Extreme Level of Stress

Dog is forced to take action



## Preparation to take Action



## Low Level of Stress

Communication efforts to decrease stress levels and perceived aggressive

**BITE**

**LUNGE**

### Preparing to Defend:

- \* Showing teeth
- \* Growling

### FOCUS:

- \* Loss of conflict behaviors
- \* Close mouth
- \* FREEZE

### Stress Reactions:

- \* Panting
- \* Pupil dilation
- \* Shaking off adrenaline
- \* Sweating paws
- \* Trembling/shaking
- \* Whale eye
- \* Hackling

### Conflict Behaviors:

- \* Yawning
- \* Lip licking
- \* Looking away
- \* Turning away
- \* Moving slowly

### Displacement Behaviors:

- \* Sniffing the ground
- \* Scratching