

Play is a CONVERSATION. Here are some ideas to develop a "play vocabulary" with your dog:

YOU are the **PREDATOR!**



"Claw" Hands



Flat Hands



"Bitey" hands



"HAR" mouth

* Stay on the floor



YOU are the **PREY!**



Hiding face



Pulling Away



"Piano Hands"



Rolling, Flopping over



How is your dog responding?



need to look

If your dog disconnects from you and looks towards something more interesting or concerning (that is not too close), let them process the other thing. Don't pressure them to come back to you.

When you let your dog **look and dismiss** the other thing on their own, the more of their attention that you really have when you get it!



NOPE

you are being WEIRD

At first you may get a lot of "Not Now"s. If your dog shows confused signals or becomes busy doing other stuff, hold back. (Especially with the "shy" dogs) Your dog may not understand what you are doing.

When they approach you again, check your energy level, greet again, and try something different.



BITE YOU!

ha ha ha, YES!

When you do something that your dog likes, they will keep coming back to you. Their bodies are loose and curved. They may roll around, jump on you, or fake-bite you. They may even laugh!

Now that you know what your dog likes, you can do it over and over again!