

Nervous Dog Bingo



Character Concepts Taught: Responsibility

Grade Level: K-12

Prerequisite: None

Time: 30 minutes

Number of Participants: 24

Number of Educators/Assistants: 1-2

Prep: None

Materials:

- Big Body Language Pictures
- Bingo Boards
- Bingo Pieces

Cognitive Objectives: The students will learn about body language cues from dogs signaling they are nervous, stressed, or anxious. They will play a bingo game to help them remember and learn to watch out for these signs.

Procedure:

Introduction: Ask Students:

- ♥ *How can we tell each other how we are feeling? (We can tell each other with words!)*
- ♥ *What about without words? (By what we look like or the faces we make)*
- ♥ *Ask the students to show you their happy face, then their mad face, then their sad face*

Body: Ask Students:

1. How do dogs tell us how they are feeling? (With their bodies)
2. What does a happy dog look like? (Tail wagging, wiggly body, ears loose, mouth loose)
3. What does an angry dog look like? (Mouth growling, eyes narrow, stiff body)
4. What do you think is the most common feeling a dog has before it bites someone? (Scared!)
5. Today we're going to learn about some small signals dogs can give us when they are feeling scared.

Go through large pictures slowly, having the kids or you explain (on back of cards):

- why the dog might be doing that behavior

- what other body parts look scared/nervous
- what is the dog trying to say here

Game:

- Pass out game boards
- Explain the game.
- The games will go quickly because there are only 9 squares per board. When you pull a nervous dog, the students should cover that space on their board. When students get 3 in a row, they call "bingo!" and win!
- Pass the cards to the left and play again.
- Go for a T shape, L shape, outer square, full square

Extension:

- ♥ Have the students tell their neighbor at least 3 signs that a dog is nervous, and what they should do if they see a nervous dog. Now they will be confident to educate friends and family about how dogs show us they are nervous