REACTIVITY CHART

WHEN DOG ENCOUNTERS A TRIGGER

BITE THRESHOLD
(Very stressed,
Unsafe)

TOO FAR GONE

barking, growling, snarling, snapping, lunging, charging... These reactive behaviors may be a display of frustration, fear or anger.

OVER THRESHOLD
(Stressed)

intense staring
hackle tail raised
rigid, tense posture
low growl
may no longer be responsive
uninterested in food

DANGER!

REACTIVITY THRESHOLD
(Getting stressed)

slowing down
focused eyes
ears forward
mouth closed
"tall dog" posture

WHAT'S THIS?

UNDER THRESHOLD
(Relaxed, Safe)

loose body posture
soft mouth & ears
responsive to handler
able to send cut-off signals
able to self-soothe