

	fear	dominance	confusion	happy
head	high	level or low	raised	raised
nostrils	flared	soft or hard depending on degree of aggression	tight, crooked, wrinkled	soft
mouth	tight	busy, nips & bites, jerks on the bit	tight, twisted, pops lips, opens mouth	relaxed, quiet
jaw	clenched	bracey	tight, grinding teeth	soft, relaxed
tongue	drawn back or over the bit	hangs out the front or side, sometimes wringing	drawn back, or over the bit or hanging out	soft
eyes	wide, staring	focused	inwardly focused, worried, not blinking	soft, blinking, attentive, curious
ears	flicking	forward (curious) or pinned	sideways or back	forward, attentive, soft
neck <i>*'too low' means below the knees.</i>	inverted, tight under neck muscle (brachiocephalicus), too low = hiding	arched, too low = herding	braced, inverted too low = hiding	level, softly arched or stretched low and relaxed
back	tight arched/hollow	flexible	tense	soft
ribcage	braced, shallow or rapid breathing	braced or pushing against the leg	tense, irregular breathing	relaxed, soft
abdomen/flanks	tight stomach, "squeaky noise", tight/twitchy flanks	not much change	tight stomach, "squeaky noise"	core muscles positively engaged, no tension
hind-quarters	tucked, braced towards you	normal	tense	soft muscles

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tail	stiff, tight, clamped down	normal position or swishes angrily (high if excited)	tight or swishing	softly swinging
legs	stiff choppy strides, quick and tense, tight shoulders and hindquarters; tendency to bolt, rear	confident, strong stride; tendency to strike and buck, or stop	hesitant, tense, irregular steps, 'rein lame'; tendency to rear, kick out	longer, rhythmic steps; stride swings from the hip and shoulder
manner	distracted, tense, watchful, wary, overreactive	pushy – into your space, through the bit, against your leg	resistant, tense, emotional	relaxed, attentive, confident
expression	frightened, nervous	confident, challenging or naughty	blank, tense	friendly, pleasant, beautiful
sweat	excessive sweat, froth	little or no sweat	unusual sweat locations - ears, muzzle, shoulder, top of rump, etc., froth & foam	little or no sweat except under saddle