

UNDERSTANDING

YOUR DOG

YOUR DOG TURNS AROUND IN CIRCLES BEFORE LYING DOWN

This behaviour is a throwback from when dogs lived in the wild. It used to help them trample down tall grass to make their beds more comfortable and chase away any small animals (like snakes) and insects.

YOUR DOG SNIFFS OTHER DOGS' BOTTOMS

Dogs use their strong sense of smell to get to know other animals. It's their way to learn about each other.

YOUR DOG LICKS YOUR HAND

It may mean your dog wants to appease you, wants to reinforce his friendly intentions, or maybe it means you have something yummy on your hands!



YOUR DOG LIES ON HIS BACK AND SHOWS YOU HIS BELLY

He is likely showing appeasement behavior, possibly because he feels unsure or afraid.

And it could also mean that he wants a belly rub, as he has learned that this behaviour gets him that. Always check with the dog owner if you can stroke his dog.