BHARCS
Learning to learn from dogs

Nishi and Whitey Video analysis

Time	*Observation*
0:59	Nishi – Slight curving to the right, head turn to the right Whitey - hackles raised
1:01	Nishi – head turn Whitey - low growl and slight pulling back of lips
1:02	Nishi – freezing for 11 seconds
1:05	Whitey – head turn & blink
1:11	Whitey - low growl
1:13	Nishi – looks at Whitey to reassess situation Whitey - continues low growl
1:16	Nishi - curving around Whitey Whitey - slips slightly retracted
1:17	Nishi – turns her head to look at Whitey. She turns her head quite a bit as she is blind on the right Whitey – snarling and seems like ears pulled back
1:17 to 1:26	Nishi - freezing
1:21	Nishi - slight head turn away from Whitey Whitey - vocalizing and showing teeth
1:22	Whitey - stops loud vocalising, but shows teeth and has a low rumble or growl
1:26	Nishi - head turn
1:28	Nishi - walks away Whitey - head turn
1:31	Nishi - freezes again
1:32	Whitey - blink and head turn Nishi - head turn
1:36	Nishi – looks at Whitey again to reassess
1:36 to 1:43	Both Nishi and Whitey - freezing Whitey - continues the low rumble or growl
1:43	Nishi – head turn
1:47	Nishi - turns around and curves and walks away

Whitey seems to be not interested in interaction with Nishi. From the start of the video, she is showing her discomfort about being approached. She gives several distance-creating signals like snarling, raised hackles and vocalising.

On the other hand, Nishi is trying her best to tell Whitey that she is friendly and means no harm. She curves around Whitey every time she walks near Whitey, she freezes for long periods and also gives Whitey time.

On realising that Whitey is still not interested in the interaction, Nishi decides not to push Whitey's boundaries and walks away. She recognised the discomfort and the signals given by Whitey, tried to communicate that she is friendly and then decided that there is no reason to impose herself on Whitey.

The video shows brilliant reading of communication on Nishi's end and also how helpful Calming signals can be to avoid confrontations.