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**Ever wanted to know what a bird's body language means?  
Here ya go! (Action and Translation)**

1. Standing on two feet: I'm all right
2. Standing on one foot: I'm relaxing
3. Standing on one foot, feathers fluffed: I'm really relaxing
4. Standing on one foot, grinding beak: I'm getting tired
5. Standing on one foot, half fluffed, eyes glazed: I'm trying to get some sleep
6. Head facing back, tucked under wing: I'm sleeping
7. Tail shake: OK, I'm ready for something new
8. Rubbing beak back and forth against perch: I'm cleaning my face
9. Standing on one foot with head tucked under: Just cleaning some feathers
10. Spread wings a little and rubs face on back: Getting ready for some serious preening
11. Lift wing and picking at different feathers: Preening
12. Reach back, run red feathers through beak: Preening, have to keep my tail looking its best!
13. Standing straight, staring right at you: I'm ready to be picked up
14. Pacing back and forth on perch: I said I was ready to be picked up!
15. Standing on one foot and waving the other: Pick me up, NOW!
16. Head lowered, wings half raised, feathers fluffed, leaning forward or up: I see something I want and if you don't pick me NOW I'm going to have a nervous breakdown
17. Flapping to the ground: I wanted you to pick me up but couldn't wait any longer
18. Standing on your foot: OK, I'm sorry for flapping to the ground, Pick me up, PLEASE
19. One foot shaking with claw beating quickly: I have an itch against the side of my head
20. Beak on the ground, neck feathers fluffed up: I want a scratch
21. Head down, left wing fully extended: Big Stretch!
22. Head down, right wing fully extended: Continuation of Big stretch
23. Head down, both wings partially extended upward: Big stretch, final episode
24. Mouth wide open, head extending as far up as it will go: Stretch/yawn combination
25. Head bobbing and then regurgitating: I LOVE YOU!
26. Grab side of cage with beak, bottom of cage with foot and scrape bottom with other foot: Let me out of here!!!
27. Standing straight, staring right at you: I'm waiting for you to look away so I can do something bad.
28. Beak on the ground, neck feathers fluffed up: I want you to try and give me a scratch so I can bite you!
29. Holding on to top of cage with both feet and beak: I am going someplace
30. Hanging from top of cage with both feet: I am playing
31. Hanging from top of cage with one foot: No problem, still playing

32. Hanging from top of cage by beak only: No problem, still playing but trying to make you think I'm going to fall.
33. Hanging from top of cage & falling to bottom: Oops! I guess that beak thing didn't work to well!
34. Head lowered and turned 90 degrees: I see something on the floor that I want
35. Extending top part of beak and lapping with tongue:  
Whatever it is you're drinking...I WANT it!
36. Standing on forearm, biting shirt at the shoulder and clawing upper arm: I want up!
37. Hanging from shirt collar by beak and waving both feet in the air: I want down
38. Two steps back, rear-end rubbing table: I need to go potty!
39. Lying on back with feet in the air: Yeah, right!!! I don't think so!!

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