



We know that moose do not herd like other members of the Cervid family, but they can be quite sociable. Groups tend to come and go, but their interactions are often intense and surprisingly complex. It is common to see behavior that reinforces social rank. Despite the younger Ry's equal stature, his obvious deference toward Shadow is an appeasement gesture confirming his elder's dominance. Many other actions determine their place in the moose hierarchy. Other submissive acts include sniffing and licking, head lowering, and avoiding eye contact. Dominant acts include strutting, head rolling, thrashing bushes, giving the evil eye, and threatening with antlers. But sparring also involves other kinds of posturing to determine rank...

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