

Dates

If bonding is going well, increase the time by a few minutes each session. If after many sessions they do not seem to be any closer, you may want to try taking them on car ride dates. Check out our website for details on this process.

Three or more

Three way bonds can be very difficult...but not impossible. The important things are to take it slow, find the right match and make sure all the bunnies are spayed and neutered. Often three way bonds are easiest if you already have a same sex pair then the third rabbit would be opposite sex to the pair. The same steps apply, and be sure to only do one bond at a time.



Adopt a pair!

We recommend you think about adopting a bonded pair. Quite often they are less work than looking after one bunny as they have each other for entertainment. Adopting a pair also saves you from going through the bonding process. Rabbit Rescue has wonderful bonded pairs. Check them out at www.rabbitrescue.ca/adoption/bondedpairs.html Rabbits usually do fine on their own if you have lots of time to spend with them. However, they are such social animals that we believe they are happier with a bunny friend.



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www.rabbitrescue.ca

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you need to know about bunnies
and **SO** much more!*



- Adoptable animals
- Proper care information
- How you can help
- About Rabbit Rescue
- Rabbit Rescue Store!



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Did you know? Bonded pairs enjoy each others company
so much that they often sleep, eat and play together.

Bonding



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Providing homes for Ontario's rabbits...
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Bonding rabbits is tricky but very rewarding

Bunnies are happiest in pairs! The easiest way to have a pair of bunnies is to adopt a pair from Rabbit Rescue! However, if you already have a bunny and are looking for a friend, Rabbit Rescue can help you find just the right match.

Here are a few things to consider before choosing your rabbit a new mate:

- Both bunnies must be spayed or neutered not only to avoid unwanted litters but also because unaltered rabbits are usually too territorial
- One dominant and one submissive bunny. Size, breed, or colour does not matter
- You may want to quarantine a new bunny before introductions depending on where you got the bunny from to ensure good health

Thinking about finding your bunny a match?

Some bonds can take days – love at first sight is possible but not common.

Others can take months.

The key to successfully bonding bunnies is to go VERY, VERY slowly!



How to begin

Place the two rabbit cages side by side but not close enough for them to be able to touch. This allows them to get used to each others' scents and presence.

If your rabbits are free range, you can divide their room or space with a double layer of baby gates or X-pens (allowing a small space in between so they can not touch). You can allow separate times out of their cages but be sure they cannot bite each other through the bars.

Also, switch litter boxes initially then cages. We recommend doing this for at least 2-3 weeks.

Switching litter boxes and cages will help decrease territoriality.



Introductions

When there is no aggression through cages and they are trying to lay beside each other, find a neutral territory where they have never been before (ie. bathroom, kitchen, hall). Have gloves or oven mitts, spray bottle with water, towel or blanket ready in case there is a fight. Injuries occur quickly, so you will need to act fast to separate them. (If injuries do occur, call your bunny savvy vet right away.)

start slowly, initially only having them together for 1-2 minutes, even if they are getting along. Watch for aggressive signs such as ears back, tail up and discourage chasing, circling and DO NOT let them fight. Give them lots of petting, toys and treats and be sure to end sessions on a positive note.

Mounting is usually a safe sign of dominance as long as the bunny being mounted is not frightened or aggressive. Do NOT allow head mounting in case the bunny being mounted decides to bite. Bunnies DO hold grudges so go slowly.



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Your donation helps save animals lives and they *thank you* for your support.

Did you know? Rabbit Rescue has many more bonding tips and tricks at: www.rabbitrescue.ca