



Rabbit Bonding Behaviour:

Normal Communication vs. Red Flags

Happy bunnies,
happy hearts.

1 GREEN & YELLOW LIGHT BEHAVIOURS

Observe, Don't Micromanage



BRIEF CHASING

Short bursts of pursuit followed by calm settling.



MOUNTING

Social rank negotiation.

⚠️ **Never permit head mounting!**



THE GROOMING REQUEST

Lowered head, remaining still.



PARALLEL FLOPPING & MIRRORING

Lying side-by-side or eating at the same time.

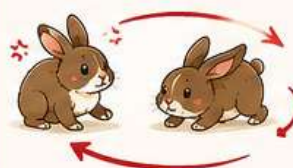


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RED LIGHT WARNINGS

Prepare to Intervene

TIGHT CIRCLING



BOXING



LUNGING



SCREAMING



CORNERING



ROLLING FIGHTS



These behaviours can escalate quickly and lead to serious injury. **INTERVENE EARLY.**

3 THE "BUNNY TORNADO" EMERGENCY KIT & PROTOCOL

THE ARM'S-REACH EMERGENCY KIT



Large Towel or Blanket



Sturdy Cardboard or Coroplast Barrier



Thick Safety Gloves

1 BLOCK LINE OF SIGHT

Drop cardboard or towel between rabbits to break their focus.

Never use bare hands!



2 SEPARATE & COOL OFF

Move each rabbit to a separate, safe space where they cannot see or smell each other.



Time to cool down ❤️

3 HEALTH CHECK

Inspect for injuries: face, ears, neck, belly, feet.

Monitor hay intake, water, and droppings.



Watch for signs of GI stasis:

- ✓ Less/no hay eaten
- ✓ Small/none droppings
- ✓ Lethargy
- ✓ Hunched posture

