

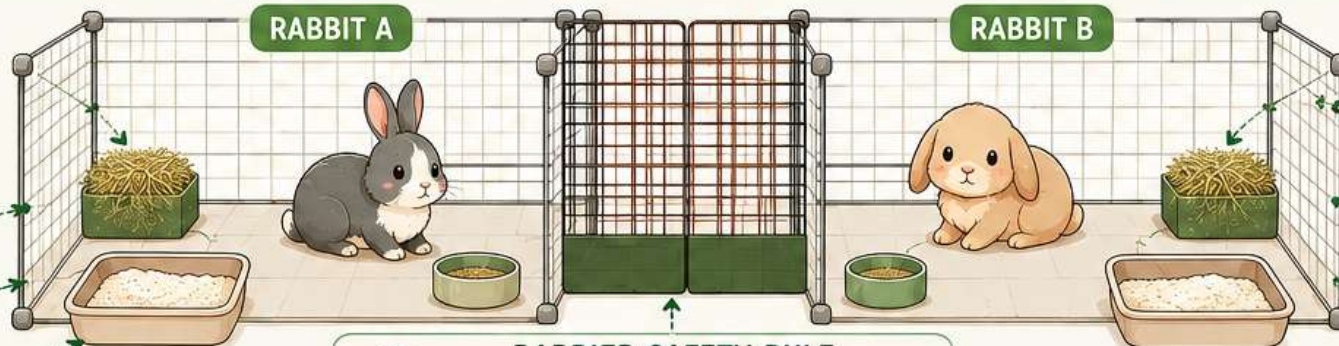


The Gentle Rabbit Bonding Roadmap: Pre-Bonding to Shared Home

Happy bunnies,
happy hearts. ♥

1 THE "DUPLEX" SETUP DIAGRAM

Side-by-side living with a safe barrier



BARRIER SAFETY RULE

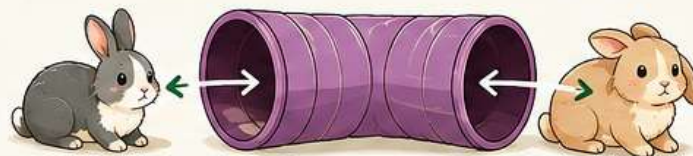
Use a double grid OR a bottom 6–8 inch mesh/cardboard guard.



2 NEUTRAL DATE SETUP RULES

- ✓ Use a neutral space (neither rabbit owns this area).
- ✓ Non-slip flooring (rubber mats, towels, or foam mats).
- ✓ Multiple hay stations (at least two separate piles).
- ✓ Multiple resources so they don't compete.
- ✓ No narrow gaps or tight corners.

GOOD: 2-EXIT RULE FOR TUNNELS



Two wide, unobstructed exits so no rabbit can be trapped.
Easy escape = safer dates.

AVOID: SINGLE-ENTRY HIDEY HOUSES



Single entry can lead to cornering, resource guarding, and dangerous fights.

3 PROGRESSION TIMELINE BAR

Increase time as both rabbits stay calm and relaxed.



Always end sessions on a positive note.

EARLY DATES

5–10 MINS

Brief exploration & calm eating side-by-side



DEVELOPING DATES

15–30 MINS

Relaxed interaction & parallel flopping



ADVANCED DATES

30–60+ MINS

Voluntary proximity & mutual grooming



Let *behaviour* determine the pace—not the calendar.

