

The Gentle Bonding Method at a Glance

A Step-by-Step Guide to Help Two Rabbits Become Lifelong Companions



1	PREPARE	→ Health • Neutering • Duplex Housing • Safety Kit	
2	SCENT SWAP	→ Introduce each rabbit to the other's smell	
3	BARRIER FAMILIARITY	→ Build calmness through double-grid proximity	
4	NEUTRAL TERRITORY	→ Choose an unmapped, non-territorial space	
5	PREPARE SPACE	→ Non-slip floor • Hay • Resources • 2-exit tunnels	
6	FIRST MEETING	→ Observe calmly without micromanaging	
7	ALLOW COMMUNICATION	→ Permit safe distance and natural movement	
8	READ INTERACTIONS	→ Understand chasing, mounting, sniffing, and retreating	
9	PREVENT ESCALATION	→ Intervene with cardboard/towel if behavior turns dangerous	
10	BUILD SESSION TIME	→ Progress gradually according to individual comfort	
11	POSITIVE ASSOCIATIONS	→ Hay • Exploration • Calm shared experiences	
12	LOOK FOR CONNECTION	→ Resting • Grooming • Voluntary proximity	
13	ESTABLISH CONSISTENCY	→ Look for sustained, repeated stability	
14	EXPAND SPACE	→ Gradually enlarge their shared territory	
15	SHARED HOME PREP	→ Deep clean • Duplicate resources • Remove old scent	
16	BUILD UNSUPERVISED TIME	→ Transition slowly after sustained stability	
17	MAINTAIN & TRAVEL TOGETHER	→ Always visit the vet together to protect scent bond	

IF A SERIOUS FIGHT OCCURS:

