

Happy bunnies,
stronger
bonds!

Positive Bonding Behaviour Signals

Decoding body
language, understanding
what it means, and
knowing you're on
the right track!

BEHAVIOR SIGNAL	VISUAL CUES & EXAMPLES	WHAT IT MEANS & WHY IT MATTERS	WHAT TO LOOK FOR
 Mutual Allogrooming	 Gently licking forehead, eyes, ears, or cheeks.	Strongest indicator of a bond. Demonstrates voluntary acceptance, trust , and releases bonding hormones .	 A huge green flag!
 Resting Together	 Lying side-by-side, nose-to-tail, or sleeping in the same hide.	Companion is no longer viewed as an immediate threat .	 Feeling safe together.
 Flopping & Sprawling	 Rolling onto side, legs stretched out, eyes partially closed.	Demonstrates supreme confidence and feeling completely safe.	 Fully relaxed and trusting.
 Parallel Loafing	 Tucking paws underneath while sitting quietly side-by-side.	Peaceful coexistence ; usually precedes mutual grooming.	 Calm and comfortable.
 Eating Together	 Sharing a hay rack, veggies, or drinking water nearby.	Vulnerable activity; proves both rabbits feel secure in each other's presence.	 Trust during vulnerable moments.
 Sharing Resources	 Taking turns at hides, water bowls, and toys without guarding.	Strong social stability and lack of resource territoriality.	 No guarding, no stress.
 Mirrored Behaviours	 Synchronized grooming, eating, stretching, or exploring.	High social compatibility and rhythm alignment.	 In sync, in harmony.
 Soft Nosing & Nuzzling	 Gentle nudging under chin or against cheek without biting.	Friendly greeting or polite request for grooming.	 Kind and respectful.
 Ignoring Each Other	 Peaceful indifference; behaving normally without hypervigilance.	Transition from cautious tolerance to comfortable companionship .	 Comfortable in their own company.

REMEMBER

Every pair is unique. Celebrate small wins, go slow, and always prioritize safety!

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SAFETY FIRST!

- Never use bare hands to separate fighting rabbits.
- Use a towel, dustpan, cardboard, or any solid barrier.
- Supervise all bonding sessions.
- If unsure, slow down and reassess.

With patience, observation, and understanding, you can build a strong and loving bond that lasts a lifetime.