



Lucky Bunny
and Friends Rescue

Take-Home Care for Newly Bonded Rabbits

Congratulations on your newly bonded bunnies! To help them settle into their new environment and maintain their bond, it's important to follow a few key steps for setting up their space.

1. Neutralizing the Environment

Before introducing your rabbits to their new shared space, it's essential to neutralize any smells of previous pets or even their own scent from before bonding. This helps prevent territorial behaviour and ensures they feel safe and comfortable in their environment.

How to Neutralize the Space:

Use a solution of white vinegar and water (equal parts) to thoroughly clean their new enclosure, food bowls, litter trays, and toys.

Wipe down the surfaces and make sure they're dry before allowing your rabbits inside.

Repeat this cleaning process regularly, especially during the early days, to prevent any scent-marking that could disrupt their bond.

2. Gradually Increasing Space

Rabbits need time to adjust to their new shared environment, so it's important to introduce them to a controlled space and gradually increase it. This helps them bond more securely and reduces the risk of any conflicts.

Initial Setup:

Start with a space measuring 1 meter by 50 cm. This size helps your rabbits stay close without too much room for territorial behaviour.

Let them spend 48 hours in this space, closely observing their behaviour to ensure they are getting along well.

Expanding the Space:

After the first 48 hours, gradually increase their space by extending the enclosure by small amounts.

Every 48 hours, you can give them a little more room until they are comfortable in a larger area.

Make sure the changes aren't too overwhelming, as a sudden large area can cause stress or lead to territorial disputes.

3. Introducing Toys and Chews

It's tempting to spoil your rabbits with toys and chews right away, but introducing too many new items too soon can lead to territorial behavior. Introduce these gradually as they settle into their new space.

Toys & Chews:

For the first 48 hours, provide only basic necessities such as food, water, and litter trays.

Once your rabbits are comfortable in their space, slowly introduce one or two toys or chews at a time.

Watch how they interact with the toys to make sure they're comfortable and not being possessive over the new items.

Gradually increase the variety of toys as their space grows and their bond strengthens.

Monitoring and Patience

During this process, be patient and monitor your rabbits closely for any signs of aggression or stress. If you notice any issues, reduce their space or remove any recently added items to help maintain harmony.

By following these steps, you'll create a safe, neutral, and comfortable environment for your newly bonded bunnies, helping them form a strong and lasting bond.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to your vet or rabbit care specialist!

Remember: Bonding is a gradual process, and every pair is different!