



Rabbit Welfare Association & Fund Awareness Day Advice Sheet

Agression

Neutering is often the answer (and both sexes of rabbit should be neutered anyway). Also, the animal may be stressed, need a bigger enclosure, more stimulation, or needs to be taken to the vet to check teeth and nails.

Pairing rabbits

The best advice about pairing rabbits together is that they both must be neutered, and the male must be allowed at least 4 weeks after neutering to allow the hormones to fully subside before pairing with a female.

Same sex pairings should not be attempted unless the pair are siblings, or already bonded at a very young age.

A male can often be successfully bonded with a pair of already-bonded females.

When pairing rabbits, the watchword is caution and patience. Be ready to break up a scuffle that could lead to serious injury or even death.

Many people have success by putting the animals in a stressful situation so they literally bond together for protection: A drive around the block (slowly) on the back seat of a car (with somebody in the back seat too) has been known to work, or a short time together in an empty bathtub.

Always be careful and only leave your rabbits together unsupervised when you are certain they are not going to fight.

The best advice is to get rabbits that are already bonded, but if they are looking for a partner for their bun then it's worth mentioning that many rescue centres allow you to take in your rabbit to see how he or she fares with the rescue bunnies looking for a good home.

For other sources of inspiration, take a look at our facts sheets. You may want to print some out to take along:
<http://www.dev.rabbitwelfare.co.uk/resources/index.php?section=leaflets.html>

Please note that copies of our print leaflets (pdfs) will be provided.