

Understanding Rabbit Behavior

A Happy Rabbit

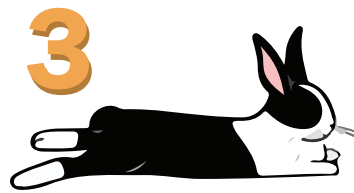
These rabbits are relaxed and happy



Rabbit is lying down, with relaxed body posture and legs tucked under the body.



Rabbit is lying down, with front paws pointing forward and rear legs stuck out sideways. Body is relaxed and extended.



Rabbit is lying down with a fully extended, relaxed body. Back legs are stretched out behind the body and front paws are pointing forward.



Rabbit jumps into the air with all four paws off the ground and twists in mid-air before landing.

Rabbits 1-3 show ears close together, facing slightly backwards and pointing outwards. Eyes may be partially closed.

A Relaxed Rabbit

These rabbits are telling you that they are uncomfortable and don't want you near them



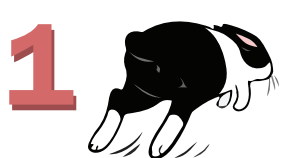
Rabbit is in a crouched position, muscles are tense, head held flat to the ground, ears wide apart and flattened against the back, pupils dilated.



Rabbits who are worried or anxious may hide.

An Angry or Very Unhappy Rabbit

These rabbits are not happy and want you to stay away or go away



Rabbit turns and moves away flicking the back feet. Ears may be held against the back.



Rabbit is sitting up on back legs with front paws raised displaying boxing behavior. Ears pointed upwards and facing outwards, rabbit may be growling.



Rabbit is standing tense, with back legs thumping on the ground. Tail raised, ears pointing upwards and slightly outwards, facial muscles are tense and pupils dilated.



Rabbit is standing tense with body down and weight towards the back, head tilted upwards, mouth open and teeth visible. Ears held back and lowered, tail raised, pupils dilated.