



Konijnenopvang
HILLEGOM

RABBIT BONDING SERVICE

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You've decided (or are thinking about) bonding your rabbit with one from our rescue centre. We're really pleased that you've decided to choose a rescue rabbit and want to give them a new home and a partner and that's great for your rabbit too!

So how does rabbit bonding works at our rescue centre

Firstly you need to make an appointment to bring your rabbit to the centre. If you have a female rabbit, she will be bonded with a castrated male rabbit. If you have a male rabbit you will need to make sure he's castrated before you make an appointment. He will then be bonded with a female rabbit (all our female rabbits are sterilised but your male rabbit will still need to be castrated).

Maybe you've looked at our website and have already reserved a rabbit. In that case we'll try first to match the rabbit you've reserved with your rabbit. Be aware that this doesn't guarantee that they will get along and at the end of the day your rabbit will have a preference for a rabbit which may not be the one you wanted.

The bonding process

Step 1: The introduction

The start of the process is the introduction on neutral ground in a free standing run at the centre. This will be overseen by one of our volunteers with experience and extensive knowledge about rabbit behaviour and matching rabbits. If you wish, you're welcome to stay and watch how everything goes and ask any questions you may have.

Step 2: Getting to know each other

If the introduction goes well then the two rabbits will be put together in one of our permanent runs. Usually they'll remain with us for one or two days as required. The rabbits will have the opportunity for contact with each other, to sit and lie together, eat together and even groom each other. We'll keep a close eye on how things progress and make the decision as to the chance that this will be a successful bonding.

Step 3: Going home

After a couple of days you can usually come and collect your rabbits at an agreed time. It's important that the rabbits now stay together and are not separated. As such you'll need to bring a pet carrier or a box to transport them in.

The bonding process will continue once you get home and while we can't give a 100% guarantee we have every reason to believe that everything will go well. There are various factors that can also influence how things go back at home and you'll receive information about this when you come to pick up the rabbits.

Good to know

All the rabbits that are available at the centre are fully vaccinated against Myxomatosis, RHD1 and RHD2. The rabbits will need vaccinating annually and we strongly recommend that you continue to do this. Also, all the rabbits at our rescue centre are castrated or sterilised.

Any questions? Please call us during our opening hours (see our website www.konijnenopvanghillegom.nl) or email us. Tel. 06 – 12 15 52 98 / info@konijnenopvanghillegom.nl