

# Rabbit Behavior

## **The rabbit is licking you**

A sign of acceptance, your rabbit loves you!

## **Scattering droppings**

Marking its territory, and could also be a way to find its way back.

## **Rubbing its chin on objects or humans**

Marking of territory, the rabbit has scent glands under its chin.

## **A harder nudge with its nose**

The rabbit is telling you you're in its way, or it wants to be left alone

**Grunting:** Basically it is a sign that a rabbit is about to attack.

## **The rabbit tips over on its back or side**

The rabbit feels safe and is very relaxed.

## **The rabbit is lying flat on the ground**

Something has scared the rabbit or it is bowing to it's master.

## **The 'brooding hen' position, or laying with its hind legs stretched out**

The rabbit is relaxing and napping, but will wake up at any disturbance.

## **The rabbit lunges forward with ears flattened backwards**

Defending its territory, can happen i.e. if you put your hand out

**Twitching tail:** The rabbit is preparing to spray urine.

**Standing on its hind legs:** Curious rabbit, that wants to get an overview.

**Rapidly vibrating nose:** The rabbit is scared, insecure or alert.

**Jumping and kicking in the air, often while shaking its head:** The rabbit is happy and playful. This is often referred to as a "binky".

**Tail held high:** The rabbit is excited, from a different rabbit present, or a new toy.

## **Kicking with its hind legs**

Kicking straight backwards is a protest, kicking to the side happens during play and fighting.

**Dancing:** Rabbits dance of love is when they run circles around you.

**Thumping:** Rabbits thump their hind feet to signal danger or to let you know they are not pleased.

**Purring:** Rabbits can make purring noise by grinding their teeth. If you have a purring rabbit, you have a happy rabbit.

