

Garston Animal Rescue

Introducing Rabbits

Go to the vet to get your rabbits' sex confirmed, as you don't want to bring more unwanted rabbits in to the world.

Both rabbits should be neutered.

Rabbits should be kept apart for 4 weeks after neutering to allow hormone levels to settle down.

Rabbits should be introduced on **totally neutral** territory.

Neutral territory should be a small confined area with no hidey-holes for them to escape from. Dot around some obstacles in the area, which can limit direct confrontations with each other.

If rabbits seem to be getting on ok, leave them there for the day, but

.... watch them as they might have little scuffles, but don't intervene as that's them sorting out the pecking order.

If it looks like it's getting out of hand, then do intervene. So monitor!
If they do need to be split up, then keep introducing them on the same neutral territory every day.

If they are not getting on then maybe the area you've chosen is not neutral enough, so perhaps think about another area, for example, a friend or neighbour's house.

Once they're successfully interacting for 24 hours in the neutral territory they can be taken to the permanent place of residence to live together.

Read the book 'The Problem With Rabbits' for more guidance.

Remember, sadly there are far more rabbits than there are homes so if you manage to integrate them successfully you will probably have saved an abandoned rabbit's life.

