

# 10 Rabbit Behaviour Problems Solved

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Rabbits are wonderful companions, but like all animals, they can sometimes exhibit problem behaviours. The good news is that most of these behaviours can be solved with a little patience and understanding. Here are 10 common rabbit behaviour problems and how to solve them.



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## 1. Aggression

Aggression in rabbits can be caused by a variety of factors, including fear, territoriality, or pain. If your rabbit is showing signs of aggression, such as biting, lunging, or growling, it is important to first rule out any medical causes. Once any medical problems have been ruled out, you can begin to address the behavioural issue.

In most cases, aggression can be reduced by providing your rabbit with a safe and comfortable environment. This means providing them with plenty

of space, hiding places, and toys. It is also important to avoid handling your rabbit too much, and to always approach them calmly and quietly.

If your rabbit is aggressive towards other rabbits, you may need to separate them. You can do this by providing each rabbit with its own cage or enclosure. Alternatively, you can try to introduce the rabbits slowly and gradually, under controlled conditions.

## **2. Biting**

Biting is a common problem in rabbits, especially young rabbits. While some biting is normal, excessive biting can be a sign of aggression or pain. If your rabbit is biting you, it is important to first rule out any medical causes. Once any medical problems have been ruled out, you can begin to address the behavioural issue.

In most cases, biting can be reduced by providing your rabbit with plenty of attention and positive reinforcement. This means giving them plenty of treats, toys, and cuddles. It is also important to avoid punishing your rabbit for biting, as this will only make the problem worse.

If your rabbit is biting other rabbits, you may need to separate them. You can do this by providing each rabbit with its own cage or enclosure. Alternatively, you can try to introduce the rabbits slowly and gradually, under controlled conditions.

## **3. Digging**

Digging is a natural behaviour for rabbits. However, excessive digging can be a problem, especially if it is causing damage to your home. If your rabbit

is digging, it is important to first provide them with a safe and appropriate place to dig. This could be a digging box filled with sand or soil.

Once you have provided your rabbit with a place to dig, you can begin to discourage them from digging in other areas. One way to do this is to cover the areas where they are digging with a wire mesh. You can also try to redirect their digging behaviour by providing them with other interesting activities, such as toys or puzzles.

#### **4. Chewing**

Chewing is another natural behaviour for rabbits. However, excessive chewing can be a problem, especially if it is causing damage to your furniture or belongings. If your rabbit is chewing, it is important to first provide them with plenty of appropriate chewing toys. This could include hay, cardboard, or wooden blocks.

Once you have provided your rabbit with plenty of chewing toys, you can begin to discourage them from chewing on inappropriate objects. One way to do this is to spray the objects with a bitter apple spray. You can also try to redirect their chewing behaviour by providing them with other interesting activities, such as toys or puzzles.

#### **5. Spraying**

Spraying is a common behaviour in rabbits, especially unneutered males. Spraying is a way for rabbits to mark their territory. If your rabbit is spraying, it is important to first rule out any medical causes. Once any medical problems have been ruled out, you can begin to address the behavioural issue.

In most cases, spraying can be reduced by neutering your rabbit. Neutering is a surgical procedure that removes the testicles of male rabbits. Neutering not only reduces spraying, but it also reduces aggression and other unwanted behaviours.

If you are not able to neuter your rabbit, you can try to reduce spraying by providing them with a large enough cage or enclosure. You should also provide them with plenty of hiding places and toys.

## **6. Nipping**

Nipping is a common behaviour in rabbits, especially young rabbits. Nipping is a way for rabbits to show affection or to get your attention. While some nipping is normal, excessive nipping can be a problem.

If your rabbit is nipping excessively, there are a few things you can do to discourage them. One way is to simply ignore the nipping. When your rabbit nips you, do not give them any attention. Instead, turn your back on them and walk away.

Another way to discourage nipping is to offer your rabbit a treat or toy instead. When your rabbit nips you, immediately offer them a treat or toy. This will help them to associate nipping with positive reinforcement.

## **7. Thumping**

Thumping is a common behaviour in rabbits, especially when they are startled or scared. Thumping is a way for rabbits to communicate with other rabbits and to warn them of danger.

If your rabbit is thumping excessively, there are a few things you can do to help them feel more secure. One way is to provide them with a safe and comfortable place to hide. This could be a cage or enclosure with plenty of hiding places.

Another way to help your rabbit feel more secure is to provide them with regular handling and socialization. This will help them to get used to being around people and to trust you.

## **8. Hiding**

Hiding is a common behaviour in rabbits, especially when they are feeling scared or insecure. Hiding is a way for rabbits to protect themselves from predators.

If your rabbit is hiding excessively, there are a few things you can do to help them feel more secure. One way is to provide them with a safe and comfortable place to hide. This could be a cage or enclosure with plenty of hiding places.

Another way to help your rabbit feel more secure is to provide them with regular handling and socialization. This will help them to get used to being around people and to trust you.

## **9. Scratching**

Scratching is a common behaviour in rabbits, especially when they are itchy. Scratching is a way for rabbits to remove parasites and to keep their fur clean.

If your rabbit is scratching excessively, there are a few things you can do to help them. One way is to check for parasites. If your rabbit has parasites, you will need to treat them with an appropriate medication.

Another way to help your rabbit stop scratching is to provide them with plenty of things to chew on. This will help to keep their teeth clean and to reduce the amount of time they spend scratching.

## 10. Circling

Circling is a common behaviour in rabbits, especially when they are excited or anxious. Circling is a way for rabbits to release energy and to explore their surroundings.

If your rabbit is circling excessively, there are a few things you can do to help them. One way is to provide them with plenty of space to run and play. This will help to reduce their anxiety and to give them a chance to release their energy.

Another way to help your rabbit stop circling is to provide them with plenty of things to explore. This could include toys, puzzles, and new places to hide.

Rabbit behaviour problems can be frustrating, but they can be solved with a little patience and understanding. By following the tips in this article, you can help your rabbit to live a happy and healthy life.

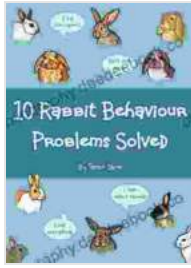
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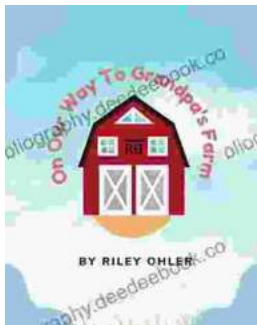
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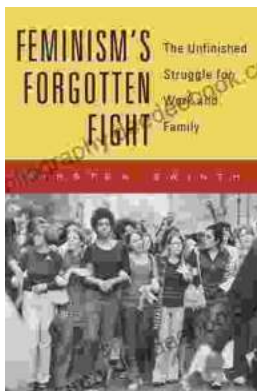


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