

# Rabbits and Dogs

## Rabbits and Dogs can Peacefully co-exist!

For a successful rabbit-dog household, your dog must have a low prey drive and must not be interested in chasing and killing wildlife. A low prey drive dog is gentle with other animals even in play. Introducing dogs and rabbits should be done with caution and preparation.



### Set Up For Success:

- Never allow your dog to meet your rabbit when both animals are free roaming. Keep the dog on a leash and make sure your rabbit has a place to hide.
- Keep sessions short and gradually extend supervised introductions.
- Proceed slowly. Take your time and have patience.
- Safety of your rabbit is your top priority during this process.
- Use positive reinforcement and be consistent.



### Once They Are Friends:

- Always provide escape routes for your rabbit and dog.
- Always keep separate feeding areas.
- Never allow your dog to chase your rabbit, even in play.
- Dogs and rabbits should never be left alone together, even if they get along.



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