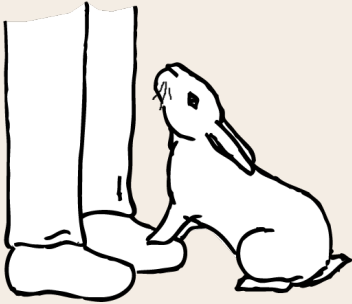


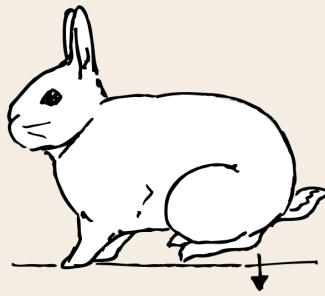
# Behaviour: Does my rabbit like me?

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Coming to greet you means your rabbit is pleased to see you. They can recognise individual people and learn routines, so may even anticipate when you will get home.



Rabbits stamp their feet to warn other members of their social group they've heard or seen something they think is dangerous. When your rabbit stamps they are trying to protect you.

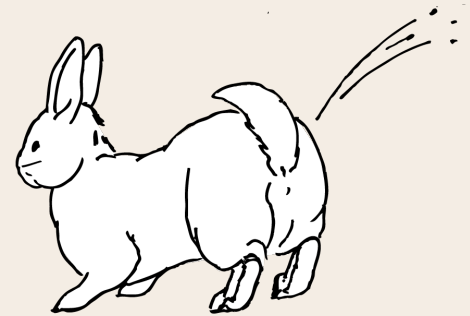


Rabbits snuggle into their owners at the vets, when they are nervous, as they associate you (and how you smell) with safety and home.

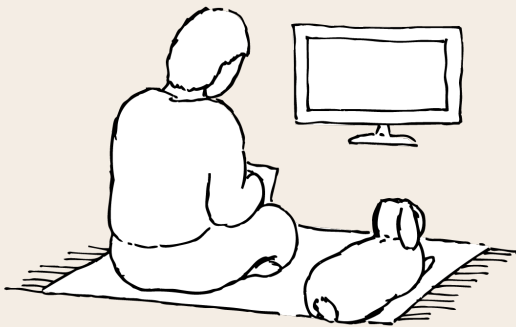
## Rabbit's emotions can be quite subtle, so here are some signs your rabbit likes having you around.

Rabbits don't automatically like humans; they learn from experience that people can be good friends. Rabbits that miss out on early socialisation or have bad experiences may be nervous and avoid people or even become aggressive to avoid interactions.

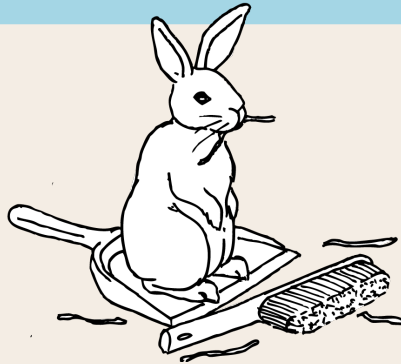
However, rabbits are always learning and can learn that interacting with people is a good thing, something to enjoy not avoid, through new positive experiences with people. Just sit quietly and let your rabbit come to you in their own time - and have something tasty ready as a reward when they do.



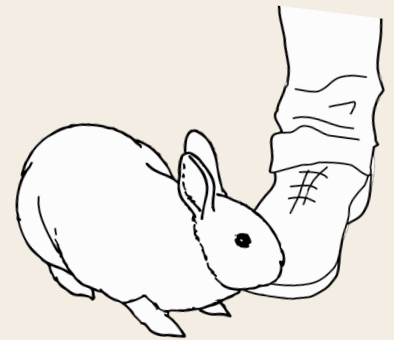
Spraying you with urine is a sign of affection, male rabbits do this to females during courtship. Luckily this is usually stopped by neutering!



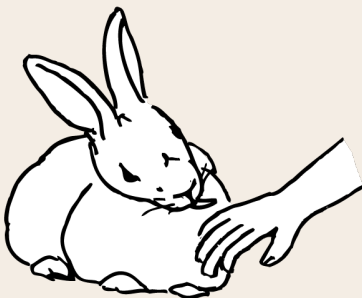
Relaxing near to you shows your rabbit enjoys your company and trusts you to let them know if danger approaches.



Getting involved in what you are doing, such as cleaning out their pen, shows your rabbit thinks you are fun to be around and a good source of entertainment.



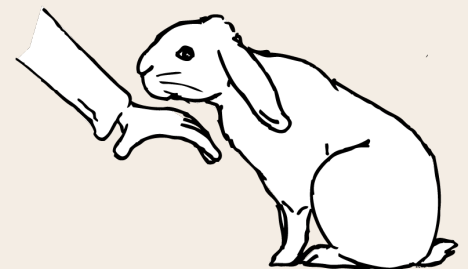
Circling you, often making honking noises, is also part of courtship. It's also a sign of excitement linked to you or what you are presently doing.



Licking you is your rabbit trying to groom you - not all rabbits do this, probably because they think it's weird we don't have fur to lick.



Rabbits ask to be groomed by stretching out their head and resting their chin on the floor. Grooming and being groomed are all important parts of building a relationship.



Rabbits rub their chin over objects to mark them with their scent. When your rabbit chins you it means 'this person is mine'.