



Understanding Your Rabbit

Affection

Head down/presenting:	<i>I want to be groomed by my partner or petted by my human.</i>
Licking:	<i>I really want to be your friend. I really like you</i>
Nose nudging:	<i>I need attention. Please give me some pets and head rubs.</i>
Pulling on pant leg:	<i>Please pay attention to me.</i>

Contentment

Tooth clicking:	<i>Mmmmm. I like this.</i>
Lying stretched out, feet behind:	<i>Life is good.</i>
Flopping over on side or back:	<i>Life is very good.</i>
Sleeping:	<i>I need my rest.</i>
Ears back and relaxed:	<i>I'm secure and happy.</i>

Curiosity

Ears forward:	<i>I hear something over there. What is it?</i>
Ears forward, body leaning forward:	<i>Do I dare get any closer?</i>
Sitting up on haunches:	<i>f I could just see over that box.</i>

Defense or Aggression

Ears back, chin forward, tail up:	<i>Better watch out!</i>
Grunting and growling:	<i>I'm not too happy with what is going on.</i>
Biting:	<i>I mean business!</i>
Charging:	<i>I'll get you or Ha! I am just bluffing.</i>
Batting with front paws:	<i>Stop that. I don't like it.</i>

Excitement, Happiness, Joy

Circling human:	<i>You are my love object.</i>
Running and leaping/twisting in midair (binkying):	<i>This freedom is wonderful!</i>
Quick shake of head:	<i>So good to see you!</i>
Pushing or tossing objects:	<i>I'm in a playful mood.</i>

Fear, Displeasure

Thumping hind leg:	<i>Something's not right here.</i>
Freezing:	<i>I hope no one sees me.</i>
Running:	<i>I have to get out of here quick.</i>
Hiding:	<i>I am not sure it is safe to come out.</i>
Eyes bulging, third eyelid visible:	<i>I don't like this, not at all.</i>
Nipping:	<i>Please put me down.</i>

Pain

Loud teeth grinding or gnashing	<i>Something hurts a lot.</i>
Hunched up and not moving during regular activity and eating times:	<i>I feel terrible. My stomach hurts.</i>
Eyes bulging:	<i>I am not a happy camper right now.</i>

Territorial Actions

Chinning:	<i>This is mine, this is mine, this is mine...</i>
Scattered droppings:	<i>I want everyone to know that this is my kingdom.</i>