

## How to Determine a Rabbit's Sex

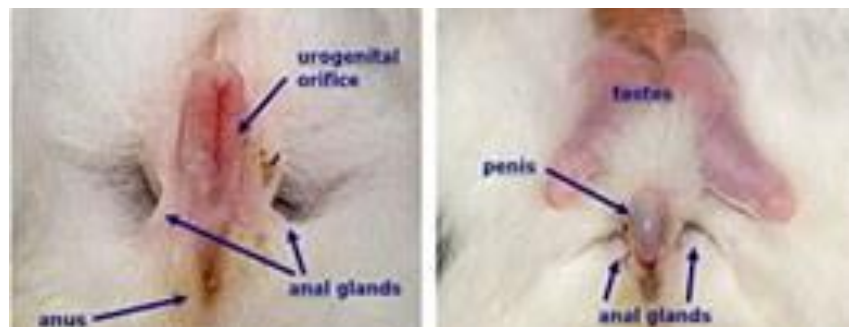
**Use the press-down technique.** Hold the rabbit on its back with head tucked under your arm. Then apply *gentle* pressure with your thumb and forefinger on each side of the vent, the area including the genitals. The genitals will pop out:



**Males:** In male rabbits, the prepuce (containing the penis) will appear as a tubular protrusion with a rounded tip and a small round opening at its center. In most male rabbits older than 10 weeks, the two testicles appear as pink or purple sacks on each side. Rabbits can withdraw the testicles into the abdomen, so even if you do not see testicles, the rabbit may still be an intact male. Most rabbits are unable to keep their testicles withdrawn when held in a more vertical position (head higher than tail).

Note: neutered males often look like females to the untrained eye, particularly when the rabbit is neutered at an early age.

**Females:** When gentle pressure is applied to the vent area of a female rabbit, you will also see a protrusion, but the protrusion is slanted, more oval, and has a slit versus a small round opening. The slit extends all the way to the base of the anus. In comparison, a neutered male has at least some flat space in the area between the prepuce and the anus.



Other clues:

Adult males may have blocky heads. Adult females may have a dewlap (fat/fur under the chin). But some females have wide heads and some neutered males have dewlaps.



Adult Female Mini Lop



Adult Male Mini Lop