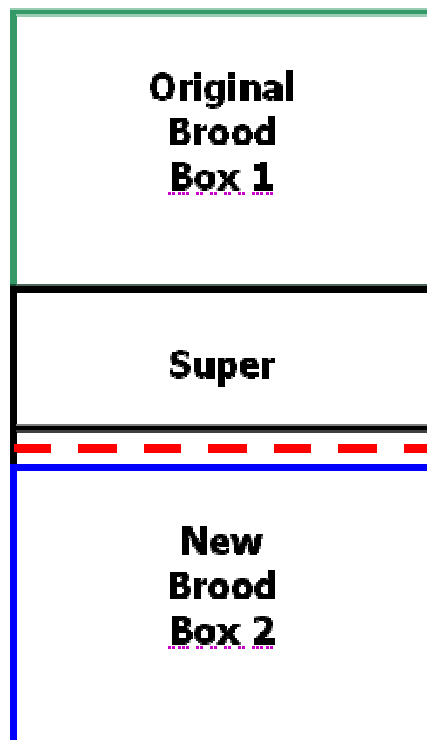


## I can't find the Queen what can I do (to prevent swarming)

1	Move the original hive to one side (box 1).
2	Put a new floor and a new brood box (box 2) containing a full compliment of frames of foundation or comb on the original site.
3	Select one frame with one good open queen cell then brush ( <i>not shake</i> ) the bees off this frame and place it in the middle the original box 1. ( <i>tip: mark it with a pin</i> )
4	Take one frame with brood preferably unsealed and no queen cells ( <i>remove any if necessary</i> ) and place it in the centre of new box 2 in the middle of all the 'new' frames. ( <i>This is to keep the bees from abandoning the hive.</i> )
5	Shake all the bees ( <i>including the elusive queen</i> ) into the new box 2.
6	Remove all other queen cells on each comb except the selected one.
7	Finally build the hive back together on it's original location to look like this...



- Original frames + their brood
  - One frame of foundation
  - One open queen cell
  - No bees
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- May be no supers or more than one
  - Queen excluder
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- One Original frame with brood but no queen cells
  - All the bees including the original queen

8	After 24 hours all the nurse bees will have returned to the brood in the old upper box 1 and the queen will be in the lower box ( <i>somewhere :-</i> ).
9	The original upper brood box 1 can then be moved to one side to form a new colony.
10	After 4 days inspect both colonies for emergency queen cells, remove if found.
11	Do not disturb box 1 again for four weeks as it will be raising and mating it's new queen.